

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015  
BOARD ROOM ~ ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**PRESENT:**

**Committee:** Mr. Matthew DeNucci, Mr. A. J. Baker, Mr. Matthew Catania, Mr. Robert Sack

**Board:** Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. Matthew Bilker  
Mrs. Kathryn Chandless

**Administration:** Dr. Merle Horowitz, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Michael Dumin,  
Mr. Joseph Driscoll,

**Public:** 6

**Press:** 0

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. DeNucci called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Stood on the Pledge of Allegiance from the Special meeting

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. DeNucci asked for the approval of the minutes for the November meeting

With no discussion, the minutes were approved

**4. Informational/Discussion Items ~ Facilities**

**A. Security Training**

Mr. Dumin explained that this training would take place in 3 phases. There is a first training, a week later would be another and then a follow up 6 months later. It is called Train the Trainer. Once the trainer is trained they would in turn train the staff. The cost would be \$5,250.00. There does not seem to be a limit on the number of people that are trained, there has to be a least 2.

Dr. Horowitz gave the following report:

This is from the Delaware County Safe Plans/School Safety Net

- Chapter 10 of the PA Schools Code involves Emergency Plan Requirements  
The comprehensive disaster and response emergency preparedness plans must be provided to the local police and fire department.
- The DCIU in concert with the District Attorney's office and the Office of Homeland Security have received grant funds for the entire county, which includes training.
- ERIP: Emergency Response Information Portal
  - ~ Secure, web-based system that improves preparedness and mitigates emergencies through integrated planning, training, and access to tactical response information
  - ~Standardized throughout Delaware County
  - ~Plans are secure through the Internet, available on mobile devices and USB thumb drives, and there will be a mobile app for smart phones
- Readiness Areas: Plans, Site Security Assessments, Site Mapping, Training
- Resources: Role and Task Specific Training, Online Resources, User Support
- Training:
  - Emergency Plan Development – persons responsible for creating and maintaining emergency plans (principals) – learn to use ERIP and fundamentals of emergency management and plan development
  - Intruderology – persons responsible for implementing intruder response plans – learn best practices to prevent and mitigate active shooter and violent intruder events – five missions: Prevention – Protection – Mitigation - Response – Recovery
  - Tabletop Exercises – test functionality of emergency plans

Brief discussion ~ is this in place of Train the Trainer ~ why can't we do both ~ is everyone going to be trained. The need to have Secretary's, security guards, outside staff should be a priority. What is the security of the web based portal? Would like to have this move ahead, also have more than 1 person from each building be trained.

B. Demographic/Capacity Study Discussion

C. Athletic Fields Study Discussion

This item was not discussed.

- D. Recommendation for a motion for the Rose Tree Soccer Club to use the Marple Newtown High School Stadium on Sunday, February 15, 2015 from 8:00AM to 5:00PM

Will take to the full Board for approval.

- E. Recommendation for a motion for JR Guglielmi, Coordinator of Facilities and Christopher Brown, Supervisor of Transportation to attend the PASBO annual conference in Hershey, PA on March 10– 13, at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.00.

This is a conference for the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials.

There was a brief discussion as to why they need to attend. Cost is very high. Mr. Dumin explained that this conference offers information on how many things are done regarding operations and transportation. Also, it is informational to see how other districts handle things. There is also vendors there with new products. Mr. Dumin believes that they would come back with good ideas and information.

Discussion, get the actual amount ~ could they drive daily ~

Mr. Dumin will put on the agenda for the regular meeting with a figure that is as close as he can get.

Will take to the full Board for approval.

## **5. Information/Discussion Items ~ Transportation**

Mr. Altieri advised the Board that Gradyville Road would be open soon.

Question about the bus drivers been paid for the 2 hour delay and were sitting around.

This was a rare situation ~ roads were okay at the time some of the drivers were arriving. The call for the 2 hour delay was made later than usual.

## **6. Other Business**

Change order in August \$5,820.99. Paperwork that just needs to be cleaned up.

Have been called by a production company about using one of our properties for a movie. Would take place over Spring Break.

## **7. Public Comment**

Mr. Mathes wanted to give an update on the field. Thanks to Mr. Dumin for the supplies that he had requested. Weather had not be good and it looks like that we will be working on the fields once the weather gets better. Also, requested to build

a batting cage. It is needed for the baseball program. He also spoke to Mr. Snow, coach for the girls and he wanted to get a cage as well. The question is there a location on the field to build this cage. The cost would be in the range of \$5,000. to \$7,000. to build the cage. Would recommend a two tunnel cage.

Mr. Dumin said there is a cage in the gym.

Mr. Mathes knew about this cage, not sure how it is used with the indoor sports during the off season. Not sure that it would be put to good use during the season with batters practicing before a game inside and then coming outside for the game.

There was discussion of something portable.

The problem is that they get beat up and not sure that it would last a season or two. It could be move once the decision is made on the fields. Would the Board be willing to support monetary towards the cage? Mr. Mathes will look into the option of building something that would work for this season. There are all kinds of options. Mr. Mathes will speak with Dennis Reardon and the coaches to come up with a plan.

## **8. Adjournment**

Mr. DeNucci adjourned the meeting at 8:47PM