

The Cape Elizabeth School Board held a Workshop meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 in the Cape Elizabeth High School Library and Learning Commons. The meeting began at approximately 6:30 pm.

A video recording of this meeting will be available online as part of the meeting materials.
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EMERGENCY PLANNING (ALICE) WORKSHOP - MINUTES

Superintendent Colter opened the meeting stating the planned format for the evening had been to introduce a strategy for enhancing school safety for students and employees (ALICE). However, given recent national and local school safety events, more time would be allotted to hear questions, concerns, and ideas from audience.

Crisis response plans are required by state statute. There have been monthly and weekly emergency planning meetings held during Superintendent Colter's tenure (since fall of 2016).

High School Assistant Principal Nate Carpenter presented a brief overview of ALICE strategy compared to historical lockdown practice.

With ALICE, information sharing during a threat is key.

- A. Alert - first notification of a threat
- L. Lockdown - barricade/prepare to evacuate or counter
- I. Inform - share information about threat in real time
- C. Counter - create distance/distractions with intent of reducing intruder's ability to harm
- E. Evacuate - remove self from harm's way when safe

The foundation to school security is relationship-building.

Audience Questions:

Are there professional consulting services available to assist the district?

Age-appropriate communications?

Audience member shared handouts available from 'Be SMART' Campaign.

Physical environment being/feeling as safe as possible (airport security) has become important to sense of security.

Could/should a weapon locked up (in a safe) to be available to staff as part of 'counter' strategy?

Improve communication to area daycare/pre-schools (Ocean House at the Farm), to better support parents' needs during crisis.

What messages are children receiving about student-planned activities to raise awareness around school safety issue?

How is social media monitored? How should people who see something say something (after-hours)? Call 9-1-1 or email school official. How are students protected from rumors/kept innocent until due process? Not a supporter of arming teachers.

Adjourned

7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Howard P. Colter
Interim Superintendent of Schools