

Summary information for 05/31/17 Health and Safety Meeting.

Below is a summary of activities related to outstanding issues raised during previous Health and Safety meetings, and new situations that have arisen since that time.

Complaint tracking system:

The complaint tracking system is live and operational. It was modified to incorporate several comments received at the last meeting. For example, the system now accepts complaints from registered users, non-registered (anonymous) users, or those who want to download and submit the paper form through the current process. The first 40 concerns received from Committee Member Cox were entered into the system and are being addressed as appropriate. The district will continue to evaluate the system and make any modifications necessary to improve its operation over time. Committee members are encouraged to use the system by logging onto www.nredrescue.org and entering health and safety tickets. Update: The district must now advertise that the system is live and available. Carl has spoken to the district's communication firm, Focus Media, about including this in a district newsletter. The schedule for this process is not complete.

Lead in water testing:

An updated communication will be posted to the website that identifies progress in replacement of district wide drinking fountains. A schedule for replacement of classroom sinks and bubblers over this summer will be provided. Once installed, all replacement fixtures will be tested again to verify compliance with regulatory standards. All sources currently not in compliance have been shut off or provided with appropriate signage. Update: No Change.

Air Quality Testing at Barnard:

No Change. District has received a proposal for services from BOCES, but has not yet reviewed and authorized the proposal.

Status of Red Cross:

Update: Carl has been in contact with the regional mass care manager for the Red Cross. The meeting is 5/31 at the HS.

Dumpsters do not Close:

This issue is unresolved. The district and city recently reached agreement for the city to take over district garbage pickup effective January 3, 2017. The city will initially use existing city vehicles and men and pick up our existing dumpsters. Over the next several months, the city will lease a new garbage truck for use on school property, and the district will sell all existing dumpsters and obtain all new containers necessary for operation with the new truck. The new receptacles will include both 96 gallon and 300 gallon containers at each location, and all containers will have appropriate lids. Therefore, at this time it is inappropriate to attempt to retrofit existing dumpsters with new lids.

The city has 2 leased vehicles on site being used for school collections. The leased vehicles do not allow for both recycling and garbage on the same truck. It is anticipated that final trucks will be on site for September. New containers will be provided prior to school start in September. The City and District

will review each school location and obtain the appropriate number of new containers for each location in order to be certain there is sufficient capacity.

Update: No Change. City still awaiting delivery of new Trucks.

Banned Chemicals:

All banned chemicals have been removed from instructional facilities. They are currently stored at the district's maintenance shop and/or ground building and will be disposed of as part of the final settlement with ARAMARK. ARAMARK will be required to remove them, or the district will remove them and deduct the cost from any funds due to them. This item is pending resolution of the ARAMARK Contract. Update: Aramark will be on site on Friday June 2 at the Grove avenue facility to remove all outstanding Aramark and ServiceMaster chemicals from the property.

Metal bolts at NRHS:

These have not yet been addressed. Update: A work order has been created to have them removed or properly covered.

NRHS: The maintenance facility at the SE corner of McKenna field has never been identified to the State Education Department as a separate facility and therefore does not have a separate certificate of occupancy as required. Carl will coordinate with the Fire Department to inspect this facility independently of the HS and will insure it has a separate certificate. Additionally, the concession stand currently housed in the facility is not permitted under code and cannot be used in the future. In addition to the code issues, it has never been approved by the Department of Health as a food service facility. Carl will investigate how to provide appropriate concession for the public. Update: Carl has spoken to Chief Henry Senno and new annual fire inspections are being scheduled to begin approximately Mid May. This issue will be addressed at that time.

Davis Elementary: The first base side of the varsity baseball field was discovered to have significant wind damage. There is a bent 4" post, several bent 3" posts, and sections of top and bottom rail disconnected from the chain link and remaining posts. Much of the damage is related to the tall netting used to prevent foul balls from affecting neighboring property. Until this can be resolved, the athletic director has made arrangements to play varsity games at other locations. Carl is working with fencing contractors to see if the current system can be repaired or if the entire first base side must be replaced.

Update: the estimated cost of the work is greater than is reasonable to accomplish in a purchase order environment and the work would not be able to be completed prior to the completion of the baseball season. Therefore it was determined to put this work off until it can be properly bid over the summer.

Davis Elementary: A fire inspection was made at Davis school resulting in 5 fire violations, ranging from improper storage in equipment rooms to improper storage in the "dugout" underneath the facility. Carl met with the fire department and will ensure all issues are corrected. Update: all issues were corrected.

New Items:

Temporary Certificates of Occupancy. The district had four temporary CO's that were due to expire on May 31. All violations were corrected. This information was shared with NYSED and all temporary CO's were extended to July 31, the same expiration date as all other district CO's.

New annual Fire Inspections:

All current CO's expire on August 1. Annual fire Inspections are scheduled to begin on Tuesday May 30. Carl has directed custodians to address common violations such as improper storage, exit lights not working, doors improperly held open, blocked exits, etc. All violations discovered will be corrected and re-inspected by the NRFD as necessary. Data will be uploaded to NYSED electronically, and new annual certificates of occupancy will be received prior to August 1st.