

## HSAC Minutes: April 6, 2016

**Attendance:** Michael Kascak, Rebecca Young, Jodi Rooney, Debbie Greiff, Todd Pomerantz, John Reidy, Rob Kirschner, Shelly Santaniello, Nikki Myers, and Dave Ofer.

### Minutes:

1. Todd Pomerantz summarized results from the Semi-Annual Air Quality Sampling (Feb. 2016). All readings were within normal limits.
2. A parent asked if TCE levels are rising over time. Answer: No. There are spikes from time to time, due to cleaning solvents used, but no pattern of increase over time.
3. Michael Kascak passed out a letter from the DEP explaining that more injection wells will be installed over April break. Ralph Tella will oversee this project which is a continuation of the oxidation remediation that began last summer.
4. MK summarized the lunchroom waste project initiated by The Radioactive Hamburgers, a 5th grade Lego team at Hillside. Children have begun to separate their trash at lunch. Eventually, the hope is to sell this compost to the Needham transfer station, and invest in reusable utensils, and/or biodegradable lunch trays.
5. MK led a slide presentation about the ALICE protocol. ALICE stands for Alert, Lock, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. Shelly Santaniello and MK shared their experiences from their two-day training on 2/29 and 3/1.
6. In the case of a violent situation, we will alert by saying, "Dangerous person," not "Armed intruder," or "Active shooter." MK assured parents that we would not be practicing the "Counter" part of ALICE with students.
7. MK also handed out a timeline of ALICE training for staff, parents, and students. Staff had the slide presentation and tabletop scenarios on April 12. Staff will discuss further at April 25 staff meeting. On June 1, staff will act out scenarios with the help of Needham police. There will also be an evening meeting for parents. Needham officers will come into classrooms to speak to students about ALICE protocols on June 2 and 3.
8. On June 6, staff will debrief from scenarios practiced on June 1 and meetings with students and officers.
9. In September, we will practice scenarios with students. We'll practice locking down, barricading, and evacuating.

10. At the end of the meeting, MK and SS shared door safety tools. SS showed the magnetic strip on her door which allows her to keep door locked, yet students can come in and out. MK shared the “Night Lock” Lock Down kit. We all agreed that it would make rooms secure, however, we’re awaiting approval from the Fire Department.

11. Todd P. asked about using pepper spray if Countering is necessary. MK said storing pepper spray in classrooms is controversial. A town decision has not been made yet.

12. Another parent suggested having a one page information page about ALICE. It should be posted somewhere on Hillside’s website. This document could also be posted in classrooms, or kept in emergency folders.

13. Nikki Meyers suggested a small script posted on classroom phones, reminding teachers of protocols, terminology, and emergency numbers.