

DANSVILLE SCHOOLS
Committee Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2008

Report on Meeting with Ingham County Sheriff Department
Tuesday, April 1, 2008

In attendance

Sheriff Department: Sgt. M. Filice and Dep. G. Mendez

Dansville Schools: Faith Norman, Amy Hodgson, Dave Lilly, Mary Clinton

Purpose of Meeting

The meeting with the Sheriff Department was undertaken as part of the District's plan to review and amend, if necessary, its evacuation plans, with particular reference to Code Red or lockdown situations. Shortly after the Committee was formed, the district was advised that the Sheriff Department was interested in developing county-wide protocols for such situations. On February 13, 2008, Superintendent Stoneman and Mary Clinton were able to attend the preliminary meeting on this issue and Mr. Stoneman has since joined the steering committee on the subject.

One of the matters which was discussed at the first hearing was the fact that the Ingham County Sheriff Department (hereafter ICSD) was willing to come to the schools in the county to address security and even provide some training for potential code red situations. The Board decided to take advantage of their willingness to visit and on April 1, 2008, Sgt. Filice and Dep. Mendez came to the school.

Matters Discussed

Although a number of topics were discussed, the critical points were as follows:

1. ICSD Access to Dansville Schools

Noting that the schools have many of our doors locked as part of general security, the ICSD would like to have key access to the school in the event of an emergency. As they noted, in a code red situation, rarely would they want to enter through the doors which remain unlocked as these typically have the highest visibility.

2. "Active Shooter" Training

The ICSD offers a one day "Active Shooter" training program for school districts. This program is an eight hour classroom experience designed at a minimum for hall monitors and administrators, but ideally for all staff (not students). As part of the course, training in use of the emergency radio system is also provided. The district could also invite our local Fire/Rescue Department to participate in this as well. The ICSD will conduct this at whatever location the district chooses. It was noted in the meeting that staff could not be compelled to attend such a program, but thought it might be worthwhile to pursue.

3. **Coordination for Drills**

The ICSD has also indicated a willingness to coordinate and participate in any drills conducted in the schools. The district was advised that if interested, we should make contact with Capt. Miller (676-8246) or Chief Deputy Harless (676-8203). The administrators seemed very interested in this.

4. **Walk-through of Facilities**

The ICSD is also willing to take a walk through of our facilities to offer advice and point out problem areas. Administrators and maintenance would be asked to participate in this.

5. **Numbering Exterior Doors**

The ICSD also thought it might be helpful to have all the exterior doors numbered. They did note that given our facility lay-out, with all three schools connected, that this may be more difficult.

Next Steps

At this time, there are a number of matters the Board should discuss.

1. **Do we allow the ICSD key access?**

This seems to make sense under all the circumstances and the need for immediate Sheriff Department access in the event of a crisis.

2. **Are we interested in the “Active Shooter” training?**

Again, this seems to be a good idea (and, as a free service, it fits the budget). Even though we cannot compel all staff to attend, perhaps the district could consider some incentive for them to do so. Otherwise, at a minimum, it would be excellent training for our administrators and they seemed receptive to this.

3. **Do we arrange for a walk through?**

Again, seems like we have nothing to lose in doing so.

4. **Do we try to number the exterior doors?**

If the Board believes this may be helpful, the Committee could try to address this.

If the Board decides to implement any or all of these suggestions, the Evacuation Committee will follow up to make the necessary arrangements.