

**Community Relations Committee
COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, June 7, 2021**

Committee Members				Meeting Dates	
X	Michele Martineau - Chairperson	X	Matt Link	June 7, 2021	Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021
X	Gale Husack - Co-Chair		Andrew Kern	Nov. 1, 2021	
X	Michelle Heckman	X	Eric Hill		
	Robert Keegan				
X	Tania Stoker				

Also in attendance: Gene Marks, Gary Fedorcha, Shelly Dotta, James Schnyderite, Scott Pyne, Jill Chamberlain, Bob Vlasaty, Frank Gnas, Jennifer Butz

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- Threat Assessment Team Mandate (Mrs. Dotta & Officer Gnas)
 - Mrs. Dotta reported that the district has been looking at Threat Assessment platforms and training for the district. There is a new law that says districts must have a Threat Assessment Team in place by the start of the 2021-2022 school year. The state recommends that the district stays with a CSTAG model which is the Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines. The IU is doing a training which is mostly modules and in-person training for approximately two (2) hours. The state has just released eleven (11) modules which are all on-line with no in-person training and it is a train-the-trainer model. There is a more comprehensive threat assessment training which is through Navigate 360. Navigate 360 works collaboratively with Dr. Dewey Cornell who is the developer of CSTAG. Navigate

360 includes 5 or 6 modules and then you meet with a team that has been trained by Dr. Cornell and discuss the process and what it would look like when there is a referral for threat assessment to be conducted. This training has been proven to lower suspension rates, it's racial discrepancy is reduced or absent, counseling is used more often, and a more positive school culture. It goes through different areas so there's an evaluate, triage, conducting the evaluation and implementing and monitoring the safety plan put in place for each student. There is also a platform that allows the district to track and monitor from school to school. The total cost for Navigate 360 is \$7,160 for the training of 12 members. The plan is to have one team in each school consisting of guidance, an administrator, and the building principal. The \$7,160 is a one-time cost. The platform cost for the CSTAG is \$2,736.00. Officer Gnas will explain the other costs. Officer Gnas explained that ALICE is something that has been implemented in all the buildings since last year. With the Navigate 360, there is a one-time fee for the School Safety and Wellness Suite based on the student population. The cost is \$4,104 based on 1,520 students. This would allow the district staff to become educated on more than ALICE. They will update and train on new ways, new methodologies, any type of incidences that might occur, and what we've learned from those incidences. This platform is remarkable because it makes it easy for the district to track the staff that has been trained/not trained. It's a great tool for students and staff. Mrs. Dotta added that this would be funded through the PCCD grant.

- Mr. Fedorcha asked if any of the cost would be district funds? Dr. Stoker commented that it would be funded through the PCCD Competitive Grant that ends in February 2022. Mrs. Martineau asked if there were any ongoing costs after this year? Mrs. Dotta commented that after a team has been set up, the district would then absorb the training themselves. Mrs. Husack wanted to confirm that it is not the IU training. Mrs. Dotta confirmed that it is not because the IU program does not have the ability to track. Officer Gnas added that Navigate 360 has assured the district that this will supersede any of the state trainings. Mrs. Husack asked what other districts are

doing? Officer Gnas commented that there are other districts that use the ALICE training along with Navigate 360. However, the Threat Assessment piece is brand new with the state requirement. Officer Gnas thinks once other districts find out that there is a platform and it can be tracked, there will be other districts going with it. It is being used in several other states for the Threat Assessment. Mr. Fedorcha commented he thinks its a good format especially coming from the state which may make it easier for the district when the state makes any changes.

- Board members present agreed to move Navigate 360 forward to the Finance Committee and June Board Agenda.

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2021, immediately following the Education/Policy Committee Meeting.