



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF CAYUGA COUNTY NEW YORK

Brian P. Schenck
Sheriff

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Stuart W. Peenstra
Undersheriff

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE ADVISEMENT COMMITTEE

March 18, 2023, 8:00am.

Public Safety Building - Conference Room

Members present:

William Berry	Corporal Ben Laderer
Bryan Bush	Legislator Brian Muldrow
Joshua Czyz	Travis Poole
Deputy Brian Kelly	Sheriff Brian Schenck

Not in attendance:

Kathleen Aguilar
Legislator James Basile
Shari Weiss

Guest : Auburn Enlarged Schools Superintendent, **Jeff Pirozzolo**

1. Introductions
2. Sheriff's update
 - a. Set up a future meet and greet with the new Undersheriff.
 - b. Overview of data sheets presented.
 - c. Update on numbers in the jail.
 - d. Body cams to be rolling out soon.
 - e. Threat Assessment Team

3. Superintendent Jeff Pirozzolo

Discussed the increase in mental health issues and substance abuse in the schools post COVID 19. The legalization of marijuana in NY State, has created some controversy on how to handle that in schools.

The increased substance abuse currently is mostly vaping. There have been 90 Superintendent hearings regarding vaping so far this school year. A new approach to students caught vaping is advising them to go to CHAD. If they do go, a hearing will be waived. Looking into having people from CHAD working right in the schools.

There has been a huge rise in mental health issues in all schools. Schools now have aside from a principal; assistance principal, counselors, and social workers. Working on one-on-one therapy at elementary level.

There is also a surge in chronic absenteeism due to mental health problems. The increase in mental health issues is not just in students in the district but also in the adults. There was some discussion on, if kids are struggling this much now, what will it be like in a few years when they continue to struggle as adults? Has the school district been able to identify what would be needed to mitigate or solve some of these struggles?

4. William Berry

- a. Discussed the DEI task force and what they have been doing in the community. Mr. Berry is a consultant for the DEI which is headed by Dr. Renee Burgess.
- b. They will be presenting a plan to the school board on May 23, 2023 and after that will hold a community forum on June 7th.
- c. They have partnered with the United Way and have a students participating with them in the High School; are developing relationships with local Tourism and Historic organizations to show opportunities for all; doing readings in elementary schools; working on language a the Junior High School as to what words and language are acceptable in different places or atmospheres.

5. One question that came up is how do we gage if what we are doing is working?

6. Discussion for future meeting:

- a. The structure of this committee.
- b. Meet and greet with the Undersheriff - time, and venue.
- c. What can we do to share more of what this committee is doing? Can we present our minutes to Legislators and other boards?

7. Next meeting set for **APRIL 22, 2023**