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METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
EMERGENCY EVACUATION COMMITTEE
MEETING # 10

OCTOBER 30, 1984

I-LEA-Exhibit E-12 (7:30-9:15)

11/28/84



Committee members present:

J. Brown, N. Catton, L. Carlton, F. Panaia

Committee members absent:

N. Kochler, J. Rafferty, D. Oesterling, E. Graham, J. Crahalla,
C. Daddona, T. Johnson

Jim Brown first thanked Nancy Catton for her efforts in keeping the minutes for several of the committee meetings. He also commended her for her attendance at all ten of the meetings. Jim noted that there is still no official word as to whether Norristown has accepted an obligation to serve as a host school for Methacton students. He will confer with Dr. Warner on this matter to see if Norristown's school board can expedite a decision. Methacton's junior and senior high school will serve as a mass care center for emergency workers. Jim noted that he will check into whether this complex will also be used as a decontamination center in the event of an emergency situation.

Results of the bus drivers survey were shared with those present. Specific results from this survey are contained in the packet of information which will be sent to all committee members. Since it was determined that it will require 34 buses to evacuate students from the three elementary buildings and Arcola, a total of 19 drivers stated they would be willing to complete emergency driving assignments. It has been determined that 15 additional buses/drivers will be needed. Thus, the unmet needs which need to be made known to Mr. Cunningham and to Mr. Bigelow are 15 buses/drivers.

Results of the preliminary survey of all district staff other than bus drivers were next examined by the committee. A total of 74 staff members stated that they would be willing to remain at school beyond regular hours with students until they could be released to their parents or transported to a mass care center or host school. However, of this number, 34 staff members work in the junior or senior high buildings. Thus, only 40 who work in one of the three elementary buildings or Arcola would, in fact, be in those locations in an emergency situation. Forty adults available for supervision would result in an adult supervisor-to-student ratio of approximately 1:46. It is recommended by the committee that such a ratio be literally cut in half. In fact, an additional 40 adults would be needed for supervision of students from the four buildings located within the EPZ. This would result in a student to adult ratio of approximately 1:23.

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Specific results of the master list from all buildings will be provided in the packet of information for committee members. A building-by-building breakdown on the first question will also be provided. As a result of the survey of staff other than bus drivers, the "unmet needs" of the district are 40 additional adults for supervision of students.

Once specific data from the surveys was shared with committee members, Jim also shared many of the narrative comments stated on the survey sheets. The predominant viewpoint is that many staff members who would not see fit to volunteer for time after regular school hours would make such a decision based on the needs of their own families. Jim also noted that the response to both the bus driver and the remaining staff surveys was quite good. The response to each survey was well over 50 per cent of the people working in the district.

It was also noted that the response from the administration building staff was minimal. This may have been due to some confusion as to the designation "name of school in which you work" on the survey form. Jim stated that new surveys would be sent to them.

Les Carlton said that he would devise a checklist which would simplify the responsibilities of specific building staff members in an emergency situation necessitated by a problem at the Limerick Power Plant. Nancy Catton asked about questions raised in the survey specifically. Jim stated he would first share the results with Dr. Warner and the other committee members. He also stated that he would like to give direct feedback to both bus drivers and other staff members in order to assure the credibility of the survey itself. Specific questions raised by individuals will be addressed personally. The issue of who would be liable legally in such an emergency situation was raised. This question is one of the unanswered ones to be dealt with at a later time. Frank Panaia asked if martial law automatically would be declared during an evacuation situation. Les Carlton responded that this would probably not be the case, but the National Guard would be called in. Nancy Catton noted that she was under the understanding that John Rafferty, who is a member of our committee and also a school board member, has asked for one or two public hearings on the proposed evacuation plan before the school board votes on it. Our district will be participating in a second communications drill which will be conducted on November 20.

It was determined by those in attendance that no further meetings were necessary at this time. Jim stated he would send out committee notes along with survey notes. He will also go through the draft of the plan once an updated one has been secured from Mr. Cunningham and make the necessary revisions based on input from the committee. Jim also promised to provide committee members at a later date with a list of "highlights" of changes in the plan. Once the plan itself has been revised, it will be sent to the word processing center for retyping. As soon as "clean copies" are available, they will be sent to all committee members for their further input. Jim emphasized that the committee's responsibility was simply to provide recommendations and that he would be interested in receiving any possible input or changes from committee members at this time, prior to taking the plan to the school board. Jim was hopeful that the revised plan could be sent to the word processing center in early December with the plan going to the board in January. He also reiterated that it would be most helpful to have committee members present when the plan is presented. Recommendations of the emergency evacuation planning committee which may not be specifically addressed in the plan itself, such as the necessity of drills will also be noted.

cc: Dr. Warner, Mr. Derr, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Sigelow

D R A F T C O P Y

TO: MSD Staff Members (excluding bus drivers)
FROM: J. Brown, Chairman MSD Emergency Evacuation Committee
RE: Results of October Preliminary Survey
DATE: November 14, 1984

First of all, I would like to thank all staff members who completed the Preliminary Survey. The results of this survey are first presented for each of the six buildings relative to the first question only. A master listing of the total responses on a question-by-question basis follows.

The committee, which is also comprised of several district parents, a school nurse, a teacher, a nuclear engineer, the chairman of the Lower Providence Township Evacuation Planning Committee, a bus driver who is also an ambulance driver, a school board member, and representation of the Limerick Ecology Action Organization will be finalizing recommendations and revising a draft of a proposed plan which probably will be taken to our School Board in January. There will be an opportunity for interested total staff/public input prior to a Board vote.

If you have any specific questions relative to the work of the committee, please contact me at Arrowhead School - 489-0166.

METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
EMERGENCY EVACUATION COMMITTEE PRELIMINARY QUESTIONNAIRE

Please read each of the following questions carefully and answer with sincerity. We would welcome any comments you would have concerning any aspect of the topic of emergency preparedness.

ALL SCHOOLS

Name of School In Which You Work

1. Would you be willing to remain at the school beyond regular hours with students until they are released to their parents or transported to a host school or mass care center in the event of an accident at the Limerick Power generating station?

74 Yes 102 No For how long? _____ Hours _____ As long as necessary

2. Would you be willing to accompany students by bus to the host school or mass care center?

55 Yes 120 No For how long? _____ Hours _____ As long as necessary

3. Would you be willing to drive your own vehicle (without students) and remain at the host school or mass care center to provide supervision for our students?

60 Yes 113 No For how long? _____ Hours _____ As long as necessary

4. Are you an emergency worker for any other agency?

4 Yes 173 No

If yes, please list (e.g., ambulance crew, fire company, CB unit, National Guard) _____

5. Are you a resident of the Emergency Planning Zone (approx. 10-mile radius of Limerick)?

107 Yes 70 No

If yes, can your family be evacuated safely without your assistance?

46 Yes 55 No

6. General Comments: _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
PRELIMINARY DRIVER QUESTIONNAIRE
AVAILABILITY FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Please read each of the following questions carefully and answer with sincerity. We would welcome any comments you would have concerning any aspect of the topic of emergency preparedness.

- 1. In the event of an accident at the Limerick Power Generating station which require student evacuation to a host school during school hours:

A, 19 I will complete emergency driving assignments as directed by the supervisor of transportation in accordance with Emergency Response Plan of the Methacton School District.

B 9 I will not participate in the student evacuation.

Comments: _____

- 2. In the event of an accident at the Limerick Power Plant which requires student evacuation past regular school hours to a host school and/or a feeding center up until 8:00 pm:

A, 19 I will complete emergency driving assignments as directed by the supervisor of transportation in accordance with the Emergency Response Plan of the Methacton School District.

B 9 I will not participate in the student evacuation.

Comments: _____

- 3. In the event of an emergency situation (other than nuclear accident), such as a toxic waste spill, flood, fire, etc., which requires student evacuation during school hours:

A, 25 I will complete emergency driving assignments as directed by the supervisor of transportation in accordance with the Emergency Response Plan of the Methacton School District.

B 3 I will not participate in the student evacuation.

Comments: _____

D R A F T C O P Y

TO: MSD Bus Drivers, Mr. Menamin, Mr. Stankina
FROM: J. Brown, Chairman, MSD Emergency Evacuation Committee
RE: Results of October Preliminary Driver Survey
DATE: November 13, 1984

First of all, I would like to thank all of the drivers who took the time to complete the Preliminary Survey. The results of this survey are on the attached sheet.

The committee, which is also comprised of several district parents, a school nurse, a teacher, a nuclear engineer, the chairman of the Lower Providence Township Evacuation Planning Committee, a bus driver who is also an ambulance driver, a school board member, and representation of the Limerick Ecology Action Organization will be finalizing recommendations and revising a draft of a proposed plan which probably will be taken to our School Board in January. There will be an opportunity for interested total staff/public input prior to a Board vote.

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METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
 RESULTS OF PRELIMINARY QUESTIONNAIRE
 FROM EMERGENCY EVACUATION COMMITTEE
 NOVEMBER, 1984

Would you be willing to remain at the school beyond regular hours with students...?

Building	Total Emp	Responses	Yes	No
Arrowhead	38	26	15	11
Woodland	33	19	7	12
Eagleville	42	25	7	18
Arcola	43	25	11	14
Jr. High	84	39	15	24
Sr. High	73	42	19	23
TOTALS	313	176*	74	102

*56% response to survey

Most respondents who answered "no" and commented stating that family obligations would prevent them from volunteering their services beyond school hours.