

Methacton School District Security Services

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Purpose

To ensure the ongoing safety of the students, staff and community members who attend, work in and visit the schools of Methacton School District.



Recommendation

Authorize the administration to continue contracting with Cardinal Point Security Group to provide security personnel services for all Methacton School District schools as outlined pending review of a revised contract by the solicitor.



School Security Complement Cardinal Point Security Group

- Methacton School District (MSD) contracts with a third-party firm, Cardinal Point Security Group, to provide security personnel for our schools as well as training and consultation services to our staff.
- Security staff are not MSD employees.
- Annual contracts are made with Cardinal Point for school-day, after-school hours, and evening non-athletic events security officers.



Security Personnel Services

Historical Costs

- 2022-2023
 - \$336,442.00
- 2023-2024 Costs
 - \$450,000.00



Areas of Consideration When Determining Security Staffing Needs

- Act 55 and Act 44 Requirements
- Experience and training of all safety and security personnel
- Leadership of security personnel
- Consistency of personnel provided on a daily basis
- Backfill of absent personnel with qualified personnel
- Working with a trusted partner
- Maintaining district control of our security staffing
- Legislation put forth in Harrisburg that is moving toward requiring armed officers in all school buildings



Recommendation for 2024-2025 School Year

- School Year 2024-2025
 - Add two officers
 - Create a command Captain position to assist with Act 44 Safety and Security Coordinator
 - Increase hourly rate by \$1.00/hr. - \$7.50/hr.
 - Total budget for 2024-2025: \$621,265.00



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