

MT. LEBANON COUNCIL OF PTA'S

COMMITTEE REPORT - SCHOOL YEAR ENDED JUNE, 2018

Committee/Office Name:	Juvenile Protection
Committee Chairperson(s) or Officer Name(s):	Bonnie Dougherty
Committee Goal(s) or Job Description:	To promote safe practices at school and at home (fire safety month, drug takeback opportunities, etc.) and to discuss any safety issues brought to his/her attention with regard to walking routes, Go Zones and traffic patterns to the attention of the principal.
Significant accomplishments:	
Timeline including beginning and ending dates for committee or position:	September through June – not a significant time commitment unless there are issues that need to be addressed
Materials/Resources used or needed:	Telephone, email
Budget: \$ _____ 0 _____	Actual: \$ _0 _____

If actual is over/under budget, explain reason for variance:	n/a
Suggestions for next year:	<p>We had several issues this year with regard to our JP chairs at various schools. Some wanted to meet with police to discuss additional supervision in the Go Zones while others had very specific concerns with regard to traffic patterns for the traffic board. In general, the biggest problem we had was that the chairpeople were taking their issues to social media rather than going through the correct channels. I'm attaching the email that was sent to all JP chairs with regard to policies and procedures going forward. One change that I would make to this procedures would be to have the board sign a written copy of any request taken to a municipal authority to verify that the board and principal are in favor of that chairperson moving forward with an issue.</p> <p>It is the recommendation of the current members of council that JP chairs be people who attend all regular meetings and that those chairpersons do not attempt to resolve/escalate issues using social media.</p>
Other Comments:	
Date: May 7, 2018	Signed: Bonnie L. Dougherty

Since there appears to have been some confusion as to how to address issues, here is a recommended process to use:

- If a parent has an issue, they need to ask themselves - are students in immediate danger?
 - If a parent believes that any student is in Immediate they should contact the police
 - If a parent does not believe that any student is in immediate danger, the safety issue should be brought to the attention of the JP Chair
 - The JP Chair should present the concern to principal and PTA president.
 - If the incident is resolved, the JP Chair should provide a report at the next PTA meeting describing the issue and resolution so that it is recorded in the minutes.
 - If the incident is NOT resolved, the PTA President and JP Chair should discuss it with unit PTA Executive Board
 - If the issue is still not resolved, the JP Chair should bring the concern to the next general unit PTA meeting and ask the PTA board and membership for suggestions on how to resolve the issue. How to move forward needs be voted upon by the membership and should be recorded in the minutes.
 - If the unit PTA votes on a method to resolve the issue, implement the resolution and evaluate at the next meeting.
 - If the unit PTA needs additional assistance from the municipality/public safety officials....
 - The PTA President should address the issue with other PTA presidents at the meeting with the assistant superintendent
 - The JP Chairperson should address the issue with the Council JP Chair to see if any other schools are experiencing a similar issue
 - The Principal can address the issue with other principals to see if any other schools have experienced a similar issue
 - If necessary a meeting can be organized with district administrators, municipal employees (police/fire/municipal manager) to brainstorm solutions to the issue and determine the next step.