

Metal Detectors Implementation Committee

Meeting Notes

Date: December 10, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Attendance

Travis Marshall, Nick Caputo, Christian DePaul, Tim Beatty, Dani Rule, Michele Goff, Nora Herndon, Austin Journey, and Brandon Stanbery.

Meeting Goal

The primary objective of this initial meeting was to establish clarity, build professional relationships, and identify initial concerns and priorities to guide the committee's future work.

Committee Purpose & Rationale

- **Objective:** To gather feedback and perspectives from key stakeholders to support the implementation of metal detectors at both high schools.
- **Focus:** Ensuring the rollout is transparent, equitable, respectful, and causes minimal disruption to students, staff, and instruction.
- **The "Why":** Data from the Lynchburg Police Department (LPD) and student services indicate that high-school-aged students have access to firearms in the community and have brought them to school.

Implementation Plan & Equipment

- **Phased Rollout:** E.C. Glass (ECG) will pilot the program first because it has a simpler setup and a smaller project scope compared to Heritage High School (HHS).
- **Equipment Specs:** The detectors are lightweight, portable, have a 40+ hour battery life, and feature adjustable settings.
- **Expansion:** The units are affordable enough to allow for future project expansion.
- **Primary Goal:** The detectors serve as a deterrent with the ultimate goal of detecting firearms.

Key Discussion Points & Concerns

- **Operations:** Concerns were raised regarding manpower, staff training, and the specific "trigger settings" for the detectors.
- **Logistics:** The committee discussed the process for items that should not pass through the detectors, such as sports equipment.
- **Timing:** Potential issues include student tardiness, the arrival distribution of buses (6:45 AM – 7:20 AM), and the movement of students to off-site programs like Governor's School.
- **Maintenance:** Every device should have a backup battery, and a clear rotation for charging must be established.

Action Items & Information Needed

- **Data Collection:** The committee needs bus arrival times, entry traffic flow data, and the number of doors currently in use.
- **Staffing:** Principals are to send a list of approximately 15 staff members (including backups) to Nick Caputo.
- **Simulation:** A mock-up of equipment and throughput times is requested