



# City of Greenville Police Community Relations Committee

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 13, 2022  
Greenville City Council Chambers  
200 West Fifth Street, Greenville, NC 27834

## **Committee Members Present:**

Carol Ann Naipaul (Chair) District 2  
Sonny Bass (Vice Chair) District 5  
Betsy Ray Mayoral  
Diane Kulik At-Large

## **Committee Members Absent:**

Gary Davis District 3  
Sterling Ruffin District 4

## **City Staff Members Present:**

Interim Police Chief Ted Sauls, Staff Liaison  
Assistant City Attorney Donald K. Phillips  
Community Projects Coordinator, Devinder Culver, Staff Liaison  
Deputy City Manager, Michael Cowin  
Major David Bowen  
SRO – W.G. Smith  
SRO – A.M. Allen  
SRO – D.J. Edwards

The Police Community Relations Committee met on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Greenville City Council Chambers. Chairperson Carol Naipaul called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Devinder Culver called the roll call.

Chairperson Carol Naipaul asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Diane Kulik made a motion to approve the agenda. Betsy Ray seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Chairperson Carol Naipaul thanked everyone for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the meeting. She introduced Interim Chief Sauls who led the discussion on school safety. Interim Chief Sauls introduced the other panelists.

Dr. Ethan Lenker - Pitt County Superintendent Schools  
Lt. Michael Montanye - GPD Strategic Services & SRO Supervisor  
Karen Harrington - Pitt County Schools Director of Psychologists

The panelists provided an overview of measures undertaken to secure the safety of our students. Issues/concerns covered included:

School Resource Officers (SRO): Their training, deployment and focus were discussed. Each Pitt County school now has an SRO. Pitt County SRO's were praised by an evaluation team that was evaluating PCS disciplinary procedures. The team stressed that the Pitt County SRO's were different to others they had seen because of their commitment to forging relationships and building rapport with the students.

- Focus on campus safety
- Rapid deployment – Partnerships with all law enforcement agencies ensure a rapid coordinated response to incidents.

-Pitt County Schools (PCS): Training for teachers and children. In addition to other safety trainings there are two lockdown drills per year. One is announced and the other is unannounced.

- See something, hear something, and say something
- Anonymous Tip Line
- Resiliency Program
- Metal detectors
- Cell phones at school
- School threat assessments
- 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline
- Bullying Prevention

Interim Chief Sauls thanked the panel, those in the audience and the PCRC Committee for their time. A special “Thank you” went out to Ms Diane Kulik for all her hard work in putting together this presentation.

Chairperson Carol Naipaul expressed her thanks to the panel and recognized Ms Beth Ulfers who had so graciously shared the meeting information with all the PCS parents.

Chairperson Carol Naipaul shared her experiences with her children and school. She emphasized the importance of building relationships between the teachers, the principals and the counselors and to always keep the lines of communication open.

Chairperson Carol Naipaul reminded everyone of the PCRC mission and asked for a motion to approve the minutes for May 10, 2022. Diane Kulik made a motion to approve the minutes. Betsy Ray seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Chairperson Carol Naipaul mentioned that the topic for next month would be “Chat with the Chief” and that the December 13, 2022 meeting would be a planning and elections session that would be held in Conference Room 337, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 200 West Fifth Street, Greenville.

Vice Chair Sonny Bass mentioned that he was working on the November 8, 2022 presentation.

Chairperson Carol Naipaul asked for a motion to adjourn. Diane Kulik made a motion to adjourn. Betsy Ray seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Devinder Culver*  
Devinder Culver, Staff Liaison