

Safe Schools Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2022

In attendance:

Heather Martinsen, Jackie Gaston, Kat Meints, Tamaica Martin, Swannelle Wiggins, Lisa Zargapour, Rod Hall, Scott Hall, Ron Crowe, Chrissy Fauls, Dolores Robison, Jarcelynn Hart, Mickel Lewis, and Sam Chisolm

Not in attendance:

Jennifer Wall, Amber Macerelli, Maria Ramadane, Lisa Delgado, Chris Brothers, and Lt. Craig Lawhead

Welcome, Membership Updates, and Norms

Citizen's Comments: No citizens were present.

Review/ Approve Minutes from January 24, 2022

Approve motion: Jackie Gaston moved to approve motion to accept minutes, seconded by Rod Hall

Council Business

- By-laws: subcommittee update, Mr. Chisolm
 - The intent is to go through each section and see if there are things that need to be updated. They are interested in looking at Citizen's Time. Dolores Robison and Ron Crowe offered to join the By-laws Committee.
- Attendance Status, Mr. Chisolm
 - Sam is going to call people who are absent from the meeting to remind them of the next meeting time.

- Dr. Hart introduced Ron Crowe who reviewed the Proposed Budget Safety Items.
 - Review of Commitment 2: Positive Climate and Culture
 - Security residences
 - Surveillance cameras
 - Radios with repeater systems
 - Access control systems
 - Staffed entry points
 - Visitor ID systems
 - Classroom and office locks
 - Lockdown shades
 - Employee ID badges
 - Review of Say Something initiative – positive impact allowing us to intervene rapidly to support students in need. Includes SAVE clubs (Students Against Violence Everywhere).
 - Going to start doing safety assessments on a yearly basis.
 - SRO MOU is in process of being reviewed and updated.
 - Replacing CCTV systems with current CCTV technology platforms at all schools.
 - Enhancing the SSO program.
 - Adding central office school security personnel.
 - Creating a mentoring program for new SSOs.
 - Increase crisis management readiness
 - Data management tool to enhance the accountability of drills conducted by schools.
 - Increase proactive crisis response.
- \$15 million going into the budget for Positive Climate and Culture. Dr. Hart will send the breakdown of where the funds are going.

School Safety Assessment and School Discipline Data Review, Ron Crowe, and Dr. Jennifer Cassata

- Comparative data on fights
- Comparative data on alcohol and drug use
- VDOE Resources
 - Discipline, Crime and Violence Reports
 - Student Behavior and Administrative Response (SBAR) Reports
 - Safe Schools Information Resource (SSIR)
 - Dr. Cassata walked the council through the various data available through the VDOE website.

Council discusses training around discipline coding to include the suggestion that parents receive training. Tamaica Martin shared that the substance abuse specialist is working on creating short videos as part of the Parent Education Series. Heather Martinsen shared that Community Services is resuming its parent education series.

Feedback and Adjourn

Mickel requests Dolores Robison to speak about the strategic plan with a focus on mental health and related initiatives and thanks the council for a productive meeting.

At 7:59 pm Tamaica Jackson motions to adjourn and Jackie Gaston seconded.