

Safe Schools Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2022

In attendance: Ron Crowe, Mikel Lewis, Dolores Robison, Dr. McDade, Kat Meints, Joe Murgo, Sam Chisolm, Scott Hall, Chrissy Fauls, Jennifer Wall, Craig Lawhead, Denise Huebner, Rod Hall, Eric Landry, Jackie Gaston

Not in attendance: Swannelle Wiggins, Heather Martinsen, Lisa Delgado, Christopher Brothers,

Welcome: Dr. Hart shares that Mrs. Huebner will take over as facilitator for the Council.

Citizen's Comment:

- Two citizens spoke.
 - Topic: Violence prevention
 - Topic: Expand SRO presence in schools

Review meeting minutes from previous meeting:

Approve motion: Sam Chisolm moved to approve motion to accept minutes, seconded by Rod Hall

Membership Roles for 2022-23:

- Mikel Lewis, Chairperson
- Sam Chisolm, Vice Chairperson
- Dolores Robison, Secretary

Discussion about sharing contact information

SSAC 2022-23 schedule has been adjusted from those at the end of last year. New dates are on the website.

Norms and Vision for 2022-23

- Norms from January 24, 2022 are reviewed. Council agrees to keep them for 2022-23.
- Mrs. Huebner shared the vision for 2022-23. Council will review information related to school safety and identified examples of the broad areas that fall within that review to include physical security, threat to self/ others, school climate and community events that would have an impact on schools. Council members completed a survey and areas of interest mentions included: a prevention and intervention toolbox, safety issues related to trailers, drills ad alarms, cell phone restrictions, fighting, weapons and drug use in schools.
- Mr. Hall asked, and it was confirmed that law enforcement is made aware of the floor plans of new schools.

By-Law Update

- Erik Landry and Mrs. Huebner discussed issues related to membership, meeting quorum and attendance as outlined in the Council by-laws.

- Purpose of Council: To review the school safety survey and provide recommendations about trainings, processes, and budgeting. Emphasized looking at division-wide trends and themes rather than at individual schools.
- Membership: Council membership is large relative to other superintendent's councils. Council might consider limiting the number of voting members to make it easier to reach quorum.
- Given the safety survey data is gathered during the summer, we may need to have meetings in the summer.
- Attendance is required.

Comments:

- Mr. Chisolm shared that it is difficult to make changes to bylaws given the number of Council meetings.
- Ms. Lewis suggested that Mrs. Huebner work with Erik Landry to review and suggest edits to the bylaws and then present that to the council.
- Ms. Wall suggested that the bylaws address the role of school board members as part of the committee.
- Mr. Crowe shares that if we met during the summer our recommendations would come in time for the budget cycle.
- Ms. Fauls advocated for getting information about what schools are doing for prevention and aftercare.
- Ms. Meints commented that there is no centralized way to locate the data requested by the school safety survey.

Presentation: Return to School Update by Mr. Crowe

- Review of school safety officer roles and responsibilities.
- Goal is to ensure a consistent, visible, and well-trained security staff.
- Dr. McDade shared that there is criteria in place to identify situations in which there should be additional security.

Agenda Planning and Adjourn

- We will continue to use Microsoft Form as a vehicle to share concerns and agenda topics.
- Motion to adjourn by Sam Chisolm, seconded by Jackie Gaston

Next meeting is October 3, 2022