



## SAFE SCHOOLS ADVISORY COUNCIL – MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2024

**Meeting attendees:** Vern Bock, Maram Cadwell, Ron Crowe, Anna Houseworth, Denise Huebner, Douglass Kastens, Heather Martinsen, LaTanya McDade, Kat Meints, Kim Mercer, Dolores Robison, Inmar Romero, Jennifer Wall, and Neville Welch.

Mr. Bock noted at 6:30 p.m. we were one short of quorum so we would wait a couple of minutes.

At approximately 6:32 p.m., Mr. Bock noted we still did not have quorum, but had a citizen who was there to address the group so we would invite her to do so and then go ahead with the scheduled field trip to SOC.

The citizen presented the group with a letter and addressed the group about concerns related to understanding and supporting dyslexic students. She also gave the members the text Undiagnosed: The Ugly Side of Dyslexia.

During the citizen's time another member arrived, and quorum was reached. The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. Roll was taken via each member introducing themselves.

Dr. McDade welcomed us and thanked us for serving on the council.

Mr. Bock asked us to review the minutes from April 2024; there were no corrections/discussion; the chair stated the minutes were approved.

Mr. Bock noted the group needed a vice-chair and secretary. He invited anyone interested to reach out to him or via the website noting he wanted to have elections at the November 18 meeting to confirm the positions.

Mr. Bock said we would take a bus to the Security Operations Center (SOC). He asked Mr. Crowe to give us some information about the SOC. Mr. Crowe shared it is the center for information and communication related to safety concerns for the school division. The facility opened on August 12 and since that time has handled a couple hundred incidents. Mr. Crowe provided the professional background of the supervisor for the SOC, Mr. Brown, and noted specialists were hired to staff the facility.

At 6:52 p.m., the group took a bus to the SOC and were met by Supervisor Brown. He explained the construction of the current facility, functions of the center, hours, how it is staffed, and other basic information. He then took the group upstairs to see the control center. The SSAC members were introduced to the staff working and split into two groups. Both groups were shown how the center works, examples of how situations/information are tracked and communicated, various modes of access to



track/view buses and facilities, and talked through a couple scenarios to better understand communication between SOC and the various schools/departments (to include PWC police).

At about 8 p.m. the SSAC members were bused back to the KLC. Upon return, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.