



SAFE SCHOOLS ADVISORY COUNCIL – MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2025 (snow date from January 6)

Meeting attendees: Vern Bock, Ron Crowe, Dawn Harman, Kat Meints, Inmar Romero, Justin Wilk, Anna Houseworth, Jennifer Donnelly, Heather Martinsen, Denise Walker, Teresa Duvall, Rod Hall, and Neville Welch

Members absent: Maram Cadwell, Douglass Kastens, Zulma Santos, Tarrazzia Martin, Denise Huebner, Dolores Robinson, Erica Tredinnick, and Kim Mercer

Call to Order, Adoption of Minutes:

- 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Bock (six voting members present; 7th member arrived as roll was taken, 8th voting member about 7 p.m.).
- Motion made by Kat Meints to adopt minutes with colon edit to other topics/announcements section; seconded by Anna Houseworth; 6 aye votes – minutes approved.
- Mr. Bock took roll and asked the group to introduce themselves as we have some new members.
- Mr. Bock asked for motion to elect Jennifer Donnelly secretary; Anna Houseworth made motion; Inmar Romero seconded; all voted aye.

Public Comment:

Student speaker: Tate Jordan – a member of many different school clubs, including School Sustainability, Equity, School Health, and CTE.

- He wants a student representative on the SSAC.
- He believes that since students are impacted every day, they should have a voice on the committee.
- He believes that it goes to the mission of Thriving Futures.
- Vern Bock said that he would speak to legal to see if we can get it added to the bylaws.

Evolv Update & Impact:

- FTC has taken action against Evolv Technologies for deceiving users about its AI-powered security screening systems.
- They say that AI claim is false.
- They also say that Evolv overstated its ability to filter out and distinguish between weapons and not weapons.
- Proposed settlement would prohibit misrepresentations and allow affected schools to opt out of current contracts for security screening systems.
- Vern Bock and Ron Crowe both feel like the representatives of Evolv were very upfront about the capabilities.
- We currently have the settings at a sensitivity level that the security team is comfortable with.
- It doesn't detect vapes, but they are looking into it.
- If there is a threat, then the team puts the sensitivity much higher.

School Security Metrics:

- ProxiGuard
 - Patrol management system
 - Provides data showing that the work has been completed
- Crisis Management Terminology & Response Actions
 - Shown to all classrooms, can break down the data to see which groups of students were shown the training
- Crisis Drills
 - 15 per year
 - Data will show complete along with any notes
 - Schools can plan ahead of time
- Say Something Tip Line
 - Funded by Sandy Hook Promise
- Exterior Door Check
 - Trend right now is zero open
 - Found 1 mechanical issue at Potomac MS which was resolved the same day
- Microsoft forms are being used for security checkpoints
 - Would like a different platform with a dashboard
- Other security procedures
 - SOC
 - Legal services to staff
 - Integrating school notifications with lists of students who are reported as missing
 - They are using facial recognition at times to find the kids
- Evolv
 - Clearance rate 92%
 - No issues at football or basketball games
- SSO Training
 - Drug and Alcohol reasonable suspicion training
 - Verkada & 800 MHz radio updates
 - Narcan training
 - Ted Talk
 - School Shootings can be prevented
- Looking to consolidate the type of PA systems used by the school system

Adjournment: Motion and seconded

Next meeting: Monday, February 3 (snow date is Monday, February 24)