



## **SAFE SCHOOLS ADVISORY COUNCIL – MEETING MINUTES**

February 3, 2025

**Meeting attendees:** Vern Bock, Ron Crowe, Dawn Harman, Justin Wilk, Erica Tredinnick, Jennifer Donnelly, Heather Martinsen, Denise Walker, Teresa Duvall, Neville Welch, Dolores Robinson, Douglass Kastens, and Kim Mercer

**Members absent:** Maram Cadwell, Zulma Santos, Tarrazzia Martin, Denise Huebner, Kat Meints, Inmar Romero, Anna Houseworth, Rod Hall

### **Call to Order, Adoption of Minutes:**

- 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Bock.
- Motion made by Justin Wilk to adopt January's minutes; seconded by Anna Houseworth; 6 aye votes – minutes approved.

### **Strategic Plan Update:**

- Review previous year accomplishments
- Divisionwide security measures
  - Weapons detection – Evolv
  - Continue to use the system
- Update employer door access control units
  - 55 schools are complete
- Update Aiphone intercom access control systems at all schools with Verkada.
  - Nine schools are complete
  - Funding for further expansion might be through grants
- Everbridge has been implemented at SOC
- Two security residences were replaced during renovations
  - Neville Welch asked what the ROI was of this
  - Vern Bock responded that it saves on vandalism, active security, and visibility throughout the night
- Security camera upgrade was completed for \$7 million
- Secure vestibule project was completed
- Raptor Drill manager was tested
- Lockdown shade project was completed

### **School Security update:**

- Vape detector test rollout
  - Originally 964 alerts, after signs were installed, 346 alerts. We are down to 264 alerts.
  - Discipline will be the same across the test sites. This will not be an on-site based disciplinary issue.
  - THC is an out-of-school suspension.
  - Alerts go to the security personnel phone and to administrator.
- Goal was to establish a SAVE club in each of the middle and high schools.
- Crisis Training team tasked for SY25
  - Target 50% complete by February 1, 2025

- Target 100% complete by June 2025
- Strategic investments for SY26
  - Stipends for school club sponsors
  - Sponsor 7 to attend SAVE club conference & spirit wear
- Feeling safe at school
  - High School
    - SY24 – 87%
    - SY23 – 81%
  - Middle School
    - SY24 – 76%
    - SY23 – 73%
- Engage first responders
  - Goal 2026 – targeted training
- CCTV
  - Fully replaced in all schools by 2025
- Consideration to add more armed guards for elementary schools
  - Especially in the Potomac district, where they have 15 trailers at elementary schools
- Standardized school security attire so people recognize SSO's
  - Build a cohort/mentoring program for all SSO's
    - 4-day training
    - Aspiring leaders SSO cohort
- "I Love You Guys Foundation"
  - PWCS implemented their school lockdown protocol
  - Accountability for action items
- Goals for 2026-29
  - Expand cohorts for professional certifications
  - Complete full-scale reunification exercise (26/27)
  - Expand SOC from 6 a.m. to midnight
  - Data analysis of security rounds & reporting to schools, security patrol and security residents
  - Database solution reports
    - Either Guardian or HR Accuity
  - Expand vape detectors to all secondary schools
  - School climate & de-escalation training for all SSOs
  - Data will show complete, along with any notes

**Adjournment:** Motion and seconded

**Next meeting:** Monday, March 3, 2025