

Carroll ISD School Safety & Security Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2023

The meeting of the Carroll ISD School Safety & Security Committee (SSSC) was called to order by SSSC District Lead, Dr. Tamy Smalskas, on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 4:30 PM in the Carroll ISD Administration Center, 2400 N. Carroll Avenue, Southlake, TX 76092.

SSSC Chair Geri Cohen welcomed SSSC members and kicked off attendee introductions. Attendees included the Superintendent, Trustees, Teachers, Staff, Community Members, and City Representatives from Emergency Management and School Resource Officers.

The SSSC reviewed its purpose: The School Safety and Security Committee is a working group of diverse individuals that serves the members of its school district by helping create and maintain a safe and secure school climate and culture for staff and students.

Review of Previous Meeting

Ms. Cohen highlighted the minutes from the October 26, 2022, meeting, then transitioned into the current agenda.

Emergency Operations Plan and Audit Update

Dr. Smalskas noted that CISD had submitted to the State its Emergency Operations Plan and Audit Update. The State continues reviewing those documents. CISD is still awaiting feedback and will bring the results to the SSSC once received.

Proposed New Rules from Texas Education Agency (TEA)

The SSSC read and discussed TEA's proposed new rules from Chapter 61, which include requirements for exterior doors, exterior classroom doors, portable doors, and windowed doors; a panic alert system; and other facility components such as door numbering, master keys, and radios.

Proposed operating requirements include weekly exterior door sweeps and an exterior door number site plan to be shared with first responders. Maintenance requirements include twice annual checks to ensure facility components properly function. CISD is in the process of its second maintenance check for the 2022-23 school year.

Awarded Grant Funding

CISD was awarded over \$400,000 in grant funds, which will follow required guidelines. The following are the two grants awarded to CISD:

- a. Silent Panic Alert Technology (SPAT)
- b. School Safety Standards Formula

Dr. Smalskas did an overview of where all the money will be allocated per guidelines and district needs.

Required Safety and Security State Audit

Ms. Cohen highlighted that the State requires a safety and security audit at least once every three years of the Districts' facilities. To the extent possible, a District shall follow safety and security audit procedures developed by the Texas School Safety Center or a person included in the registry established by the Texas School Safety Center under Section 37.2091.

Dr. Smalskas noted that CISD completed this exhaustive audit in 2020 and was due for an audit to begin in March 2023. The audit will take 60 days to complete across all 11 campuses and will involve teacher and student interviews, as well as the inspection of campus security measures and other items as per TSSC requirements.

There was a brief discussion about how campuses enforce the visitor requirement to show IDs before being allowed to enter a facility, noting that “piggy backing” into schools still happens and should not. The SSSC reaffirmed that all individuals entering a campus are required to show ID regardless if they are frequent visitors and known to staff.

School Resource Officer (SRO) Update

Captain Logan updated the SSSC on SRO hiring, noting the Southlake Police Department had slotted for three additional SRO rovers. One SRO is starting March 6th. Southlake Police is still hiring for the other two slots. Captain Logan noted that every CISD campus had at least one SRO.

SROs had implemented the Law Enforcement Against Drugs (LEAD) program focused on drug diversion.

SROs had also built upon the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training given to all District employees over the summer by training new hires and offering CRASE to the community. CRASE training will be recurring and has applicability beyond school facilities.

On March 30th, Southlake Police, in conjunction with Drug Enforcement Agency, will conduct a public forum on the fentanyl crisis. In addition, Dr. Smalskas will be present to discuss how all CISD nurses have been trained to give doses of Narcan to counter fentanyl.

All CISD nurses have also been trained in Stop the Bleed Part Two. Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign that encourages bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. CISD nurses will train Staff. Grant money will be used to place bleeding control kits in all classrooms.

Fire Department Update

Emergency Manager Ms. Meneses updated the SSSC on reunification planning. Emergency Management is writing plans that it hopes never to have to be used. Reunification best practices include identifying a location that can accommodate 3,000 students plus their respective parents. The City is responsible for traffic control and parking, with the District in charge of credential confirmation during a reunification.

Other Questions and Discussion

The SSSC discussed best practices for communicating threats to parents and the community. Committee members discussed the recent CHS bomb threat and the subsequent time span between dispatched alerts from the City and District.

Dr. Ledbetter emphasized to Committee members that there is direct ongoing communication between first responders and the District during emergency events. The City and District’s priority is mitigating the threat, then gathering facts to accurately inform students, parents, and the community without interfering with an investigation. Both the District and the City agreed to enhance coordination with their respective communication teams to ensure coordinated public announcements.

At 5:25 the SSSC moved into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Safety and Security

1. Texas Gov't Code §551.076. To deliberate the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices, or to deliberate a security audit.
2. Texas Gov't Code §551.089. To deliberate security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; network security information as described by Section 2059.055(b); or the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices.

ADJOURN

The SSSC's next meeting will focus on the State's feedback regarding CISD's Emergency Operations Plan. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.