

Carroll ISD School Safety & Security Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2023

The first meeting of the Carroll ISD Safety & Security Committee (SSSC) for the 2023-2024 school year was called to order by SSSC Lead Mr. Brian Nickel on Wednesday, August 1, 2023, beginning at 4:33 PM in the Carroll ISD Administration Center, 2400 N. Carroll Avenue, Southlake, TX 76092.

Mr. Brian Nickel introduced himself as the new Carroll ISD Director for Safety and Student Services. In this capacity he will serve as the SSSC District Lead, replacing Dr. Tamy Smalskas.

Mr. Nickel welcomed SSSC members, who included the Superintendent, Teachers, Staff, Community Members, and City Representatives from Emergency Management and School Resource Officers. Two new SSSC members were also introduced, Ms. Jen Walthall, a second grade teacher at Carroll Elementary School, and Mr. Kyle Masac, Director of Facility Services.

SSSC members reviewed the purpose of the SSSC, as well as the minutes from the May 10, 2023 meeting, before transitioning into the current agenda.

Review of Previous Meeting:

- EOP Plan and Audit Update
- Required Safety and Security Audit
- SRO Year End Report
- Reunification Planning
- Safety and Security Pilot Program
- Executive Session

Legislative Updates:

The Texas legislature passed several bills that impact the District. CISD reviewed the bills that were most actionable and pertinent to SSSC. Those bills are highlighted below:

House Bill 3:

- Requires school districts to provide a student's disciplinary record and any threat assessments when a student enrolls in another district.
- Requires SROs to complete an active shooter response training at least once every four years.
- Requires school districts to have an armed police officer or security personnel present at every campus during regular hours.
- Requires the TEA to conduct detailed vulnerability assessments of school districts at least once every four years
- Requires the continuation of the annual on-site intruder detection audits

House Bill 473:

- Requires the threat assessment team to notify a parent prior to conducting a threat assessment of a student to provide the parent with the opportunity to participate in the assessment

and provide information about the student the team; requires the threat assessment team to provide the parent the findings and conclusions after completing a threat assessment.

Senate Bill 838: **effective for the 2025-2026 school year*

- Requires school districts to provide, for each classroom, silent panic alert technology that allows for immediate contact with district emergency services or emergency services, law enforcement, health departments, and fire departments.

Senate Bill 999:

For trainings provided on for after December 1, 2024, prohibits school districts from contracting for the provision of active shooter response training unless the provider is certified to provide that training; creates a certification to provide active shooter response training; requires the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement to establish a certification program for providers of active shooter response training by September 1, 2024

Senate Bill 1720:

Requires district policy related to the safe and supportive school program and threat assessment team to provide that an employee who reports a threat to the team may elect for the employee's identity to be confidential and not subject to disclosure under the Public Information Act.

Entry Resistant Film - Chapter 61 Requirement:

- School Districts are required to have resistant film at certain entry points.
- CISD has four vendors coming to quote the upcoming project:
 - Epic Solar Control
 - Metro Tint Texas
 - NGS
 - Safe Haven Defense

Beginning of the Year Report:

The SSSC received updates from the District, School Resource Officers (SROs), Emergency Management Coordinators, and CISD Technology.

A. CISD

Dr. Tamy Smalskas noted the State required safety and security audit that was completed last spring was reviewed and accepted by the State.

The District would continue with protocols discussed last year. Standard Response Protocol (SRP) training with new teachers took place on August 1, 2023. The District will update its Emergency Operations Plan, including crises roles and responsibilities as needed. The new Substitute Coordinator will ensure substitutes have adequate training in our safety protocols. A newsletter for CISD parents will go out that highlights the SRP.

Stop the Bleed kits will go into classroom first aid kits. CISD nurses will train CISD staff. 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.

B. School Resource Officers

Officer Pate advised that several SRO's had recently returned from the Texas Association of School Resource Officers 10th Annual School Safety Conference in Corpus Christi. Officers found conference extremely informative and motivational.

Southlake Police Department filled one of two CISD rover positions. SRO coverage now includes Florence Elementary School. SRO rovers provide coverage at campuses when the primary SRO is away. SPD has one more vacancy to fill, which takes some time given extensive background checks.

C. Emergency Management Coordinators

Emergency Manager Ms. Meneses advised the SSSC that reunification planning continued with Gateway Church. The District continued reviewing best practices.

D. Technology

Security Systems Engineer Mr. Allen Pfingsten updated the Committee on a product pilot compatible with current CISD systems. The pilot has completed the proof of concept phase for a new alert system, which among other things, removes the necessity for the campus principal to initiate a lockdown.

Other Questions and Discussion

Officer Pate raised concerns about middle school graduations, during which the gyms were over capacity. The District will review capacity figures for graduation locations and identify alternatives to ensure safety for all participants, should an emergency occur during an event. The SSC welcomed SPD's foresight and commitment to ensuring safety.

The SSSC discussed proposed dates for meetings in October 2023, January 2024, and May 2024.

Executive Session

At 5:01 the SSSC moved into 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 meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm.