

Carroll ISD School Safety & Security Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

May 10 2023

The last meeting of the Carroll ISD Safety & Security Committee (SSSC) for the 2022-2023 school year was called to order by SSSC Chair Geri Cohen on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, beginning at 4:30 PM in the Carroll ISD Administration Center, 2400 N. Carroll Avenue, Southlake, TX 76092.

Ms. Cohen welcomed SSSC members, who included the Superintendent, Trustees, Teachers, Staff, Community Members, and City Representatives from Emergency Management and School Resource Officers.

Review of Previous Meeting

Ms. Cohen highlighted the minutes from the February 23, 2022 meeting and then transitioned into the current agenda.

Emergency Operations Plan and Audit Update

SSSC District Lead Dr. Tamy Smalskas noted the Texas School Safety Center (TSSC) had reviewed and provided feedback to CISD on the District's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The Texas School Safety Center required CISD to modify the language in seven areas of its EOP. Those updates have been completed and the EOP approved. Dr. Smalskas indicated that all areas of the EOP passed the TSSC expectations and will be reviewed again in summer prior to the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

Required Safety and Security State Audit

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, per Section 37.108 9(b).

The required audit, which began in March 2023, has been completed. The District is awaiting the State's audit feedback, which is expected to be returned early this summer. The SSSC will review the State's feedback prior to start of the 2023-2024 school year. In addition, Dr. Smalskas will share findings with the board of Trustees once available.

Year End Report

School Resource Officers

Captain Logan advised the Committee that SROs had wrapped up the semester's Law Enforcement Against Drugs (LEAD) program focused on drug diversion. SROs garnered positive feedback from students and parents regarding the LEAD curriculum, and SROs will look to get into additional classrooms next school year.

Southlake Police Department is still trying to fill two CISD positions. Captain Logan emphasized that every CISD campus had at least one SRO.

Three CISD SROs recently became SRO practitioners. The National SRO Practitioner Certificate gives credit to those officers who have attended NASRO training, shown a commitment to school-based policing, and have shown leadership in this specialized field of law enforcement. CISD has eight SROs certified at the practitioner level.

Emergency Management Coordinators

Emergency Manager Ms. Meneses updated the SSSC on reunification planning. The District identified Gateway Church as a reunification platform that could accommodate all students, staff, and parents. The District is negotiating an MOU for approval and continues reviewing best practices.

Technology

Security Systems Engineer Mr. Allen Pflingsten updated the Committee on a new product pilot compatible with current CISD systems. The District anticipates implementing the pilot next school year. The pilot is in the proof of concept phase to ensure 100 percent reliability as it relates to door locks, staff access cards, cameras, and notifications.

Other Questions and Discussion

There was a question about film resistant window coverings for outer doors and windows on CISD campuses. The District is awaiting the results of proposed Texas legislation on the topic.

Executive Session

At 5:10 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 5:41pm.

The SSSC will meet prior to the 2023-2024 school year to review CISD's EOP and the State's feedback on CISD's safety and security audit.