

## **Carroll ISD School Safety & Security Committee Meeting**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**October 10, 2023**

The second 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 Tuesday October 10, 2023, beginning at 4:32 PM in the Carroll ISD Administration Center, 2400 N. Carroll Avenue, Southlake, TX 76092.

Mr. Brian Nickel introduced himself as the 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, CISD Trustees, Teachers, Staff, Community Members, School Resource Officers, and City Representatives from Emergency Management and the Southlake Fire Department.

Committee members introduced themselves and new members were welcomed to the forum.

The SSSC then nominated Community Member Mark Flores as its Chairperson and Community Member Amy Simcox as its Secretary for the 2023-2024 school year.

Trustee Cam Bryan thanked members for their service and commitment, noting that the Board of Trustees takes safety and security very seriously on all CISD campuses.

Mr. Nickel reviewed the bylaws that govern the SSSC and highlighted the Committee's purpose:

- The SSSC is a working group of diverse individuals that serve as members of its school district by helping create and maintain a safe and secure school climate and culture for staff and students.

SSSC members reviewed the minutes from the August 1, 2023 meeting before transitioning into the current agenda.

#### **Review of Previous Meeting:**

- Legislative updates
- Discussion of bidding for entry resistant film
- Beginning of year reports

#### **Review of Current Safety Drills and Intruder Update:**

- Evacuation (2 per semester) (2 per semester required)
- Secure (1 per semester) (1 per year required)
- Lockdown (2 per semester) (1 per semester required)
- Shelter Severe Weather (1 per year) (1 required)
- Shelter Hazmat (1 per year) (1 required)
- Hold (1 per semester) (not required)

The Committee held an ensuing discussion about the frequency of drills, as well as how and when to communicate drills to parents to ensure consistent communication. It was recommended that we continue with the number of drills we require at Carroll ISD.

### **Entry Resistant Film Update:**

- School Districts are required to have resistant film at certain entry points.
- CISD is evaluating bids from four companies that quoted the mandated TEA security requirements:
  - Epic Solar Control
  - Metro Tint Texas
  - NGS
  - Safe Haven Defense

### **Texas School Safety Center Adds New Sections to the Emergency Operation Plan:**

- Severe weather annex
- Hazard materials annex
- Update and distribute EOPs after feedback from TxSSC

The District is working on annex updates to send to the State.

### **CISD Continues Working on the Following:**

- Intruder evaluations
- Weekly door audits
- Drills for second semester

### **Other Questions and Discussion:**

Sergeant Hernandez advised that the Southlake Police Department continued the process to fill two CISD rover positions. One recent hire in the pipeline backed out of the hiring process. Filling SRO vacancies takes time given extensive background checks.

There was a brief discussion about whether the Watch D.O.G.S program was a suitable alternative to fill security roles and provide an extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security.

### **Executive Session**

At 5:40 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 5:44 pm.