

Santa Fe ISD Safety & Security Meeting
Santa Fe Junior High
October 18, 2023, 4:30pm-6:00pm

Members present: Chief Ruben Espinoza, Jennifer Smith, Dr. Kevin Bott, Flo Adkins, Richard Adkins, Eliud Arredondo, Bob Atkins, Chief Walter Braun, Amber Collins, Karlee Custer, Christina Delgado, Garrett Foskit, James Grassmuck, Rachel Harris, Chris Harrison, Laura Norman, Miranda Sheridan, Richard Summerville, Lesley Suttle and Bob Wylie

Chief Espinoza welcomed the committee members at 4:35pm to start the meeting. The meeting was held at the Santa Fe Junior High School library.

Old Business:

Espinoza talked about old business from the 7-26-23 meeting.

- Cops grant update – installation of new cameras is still in process.
- Two-way radio communication is still in process. Waiting on more grant funding.
- Maps were updated and sent to the local, county and state agencies.
- State Troopers will be coming to the district to tour each campus. We have 10 troopers in Galveston County.
- **Severe Weather Annex** along w/
Severe Thunderstorm Appendix
Flooding Incident Appendix
Hurricane Appendix
Winter Storm Appendix
Tornado Appendix were all sent for approval.
- Hazardous Material Annex along w/
Highway Hazmat Appendix
Train Derailment Appendix were all sent to Texas State Texas School Safety Center for approval

No Questions were asked regarding old business.

New Business:

- Safety and Security Application form- We passed out the updated information form for each member to fill out. We also had everyone in attendance sign an updated Confidentiality form. Espinoza talked about how members who do not fit into the Qualifications 1-9 would not be able to attend a closed session if it was needed.
- New change. The TEA Intruder Detection Audits have been assigned to Region 4 Education Service Center. The High School audit was done in September. We are expected to have another one this month. Every campus will have one a year.

- Fire Drills frequency has been reduced. The previous mandate was once a month, the new mandate is twice a semester. This has been discussed and approved with the Fire Marshall
- Thanks to Chief Josette Rivas with GISD, we have conducted 3 K9 searches. One at the High School, one at the Junior High and one at the ALC building. No drug evidence was located on those campuses during the K9 searches.
- Vape shops within 1000 feet of school property have been referred to the enforcement group of the Texas Comptroller Officer.

Questions from the committee

One member asked what security upgrades will be done with the bond money?

- New Vestibules will be added at the Junior High and Kubacak
- Safe Alert Audio Enhancements will be added to the other campuses.

One member asked if we received the speakers for the High School stairwells that we talked about at a previous meeting. Chief explained the funding ran out before those could be ordered but we are hoping to still get them soon.

One member had concerns he wanted to address with the committee.

- Bus door at the Junior High – when the buses line up it blocks the vision of who is entering the school from the outside.
- He suggested adding a push button for the office staff to be able to secure the office door and staff can open it when needed.
- He would like to see mirrors added at the corners of hallways for safety.
- Adding a camera in the ISS room
- Kitchen and Band entrance need to be updated to be more secure.
- Students running in the hallways need addressing.

This same committee member wanted to also praise Junior High for the great work in the mornings with the detectors and enforcing dress code.

Another committee member wanted to address the concern with students being dropped off at the car wash by the High School and walking to school close to highway 6. Dr. Bott stated the district was working with the city manager on discussing a sidewalk on district property that stretches to the tree line.

Mrs. Smith asked what the committee would like to discuss at the meetings. One member stated the needs and wants of the police department to help with Safety and Security.

Dr. Bott spoke about the district's financials to cover those needs and wants.

One member asked if the district surveys parents on Safety in the district. Mrs. Harris explained that they added a security section in the surveys they just sent out. The district will share the results at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:11pm then those who wanted to stay, Chief Espinoza took them on a tour of the Junior High Campus.

Next Meeting will be February 21, 2024, 4:30pm-6:00pm at Barnett Elementary in the library.