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Our Promise

We will **know**, **value**, and **support** every student, helping them **graduate ready** to pursue a **promising future**.

March 13, 2024 - Study Session Minutes

Central Office Board Room
1202 Wood Ave
Sumner, WA 98390

Call to Order

School board President Erin Markquart called the March 13, 2024 board study session for the Board of Directors at Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320 to order at 6:00pm.

Sumner-Bonney Lake School District Strategic Plan

Director of Safety and Security Brian Scheerer was joined by Chief Mark Barry (BLPD), Deputy Chief Andy McCurdy (SPD), Principals Jeff Baines, Gina Longland and Lisa Brozovich to present the five-star safety plan with an emphasis on K-12 Alignment to the board. Director Scheerer shared that K-12 Alignment consist of Standard Response Protocol (SRP), Standard Reunification Method (SRM), District Athletic Plan for Safety and Security at venues, all Hazards staff, and CSO/SRO training modules.

Chief Mark Barry shared the importance of situational awareness, which includes repeatable skills used to respond to safety related events and having a plan that involves appropriate response. District staff are taught how to use tools like Cooper's color code (condition yellow, orange and red), classroom evaluation to identify exits / entry points in case of an emergency. In addition to staff training there is also ongoing required on the job and check-in training for CSO/SRO under RCW 28A.310.515 .

Director Scheerer shared a high-level description of the training staff receive as related to venue safety. Starting in Fall of 2024 the district standard will include clear bags only in all stadiums and gyms. In the event of an evacuation staging areas will be available for those who cannot leave campus that include gyms and fields. There will be clear posted exit routes from all facilities as well as alternate evacuation / staging areas.



The principals shared the Standard Reunification Method (SRM) protocol for getting students back to parents and how important it is to have regular drills to solidify the skills needed to successfully respond to an emergency. There are currently eight required state drills that are scheduled throughout the school year (fire evacuation, lock down, earthquake / full evacuation to primary staging area, shelter-in-place, pedestrian (lahar) or shelter, and tabletop exercise (in the event of an active shooter scenario).

Director Scheerer shared that while partnerships with local law enforcement and first responders, district Safety Advisory Council, relationships with community / regional partners, addition of a full-time Director of Safety and Security, K-12 Alignment of safety response protocols at all sites, and collaboration with district departments are all elements that are working to create a solid plan for safety and security in the district there are opportunities for improvement. Some areas include student and community involvement as well as Safety committees at all buildings and Central Office.

The board study session took a break at 7:22pm and reconvened at 7:27pm

Board Procedures

In accordance with Policy 1310: Adoption and Amendment of Policies and Bylaws, procedure 1620P Board Superintendent Operating Principles was discussed by the board to determine the wording for how the board should act as a governing body. General consensus was that the message should reflect a positive tone of collaboration and transparency. The procedure will be placed on the March 20, 2024 board agenda for an informational reading and posted to the district site if there are no further changes.

Board Discussion

Director Bill Gaines shared a request for a report on Parks and Recreation partnership that includes offerings, participation data and cost prior to signing an agreement. The current agreement expires August 31 so the report will be shared in April with the board meeting for discussion.

Director Bill Gaines shared that with Director Norris' resignation the board will be starting an application process. He raised the issue of interview questions for candidates applying for the vacancy and wanted clarification on process for sharing questions with Dr. Dent to ensure they aren't duplicate and the board captures the full scope of the candidate.

Director Paul Williams suggested that the application process could include candidate resume, statement of interest, and questions from board procedure 1114P, sections E - H. He also suggested that the application process could include questions from the district procedure and individually selected questions from board members that would be asked in a public meeting.

The board will share their questions with Dr. Dent by the end March to allow time for Legal Counsel and Assistant Superintendent David Brower to review and confirm that the application is fair for all candidates. Dr. Dent will share the questions presented at the March policy committee meeting with the board following the study session.

With no further business the board study session adjourned at 7:52pm



Attest

Laurie Dent, Secretary

Erin Markquart, President Board
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