

Santa Fe Safety and Security Meeting
Kubacak Elementary Campus
October 16, 2024, 4:30pm-6:00pm

Members Present: Chief Ruben Espinoza, Flo Adkins, Richard Adkins, Eli Arredondo, Bob Atkins, Dr. Kevin Bott, Brad Burness, Amber Collins, John Couch, Christina Delgado, James Grassmuck, Rachel Harris, Chris Harrison, Francis Langston, Rusty Norman, Chief Josette Rivas, Jessie Ryholt, Jennifer Smith, Richard Sumerville, Josie Tombrella and Bob Wylie,

Chief Espinoza welcomed the members to the meeting at 4:30pm. The meeting was held in the Kubacak Elementary library.

Old Business:

- 2025 Cops grant update – Still waiting for this year’s Cops grant to open for new application.
- Two-way radio communication is still in process. We have ordered 58 campus radios and now we are waiting for the vendor to ship them to us for installation and programming. The estimated arrival date is the week of October 28th.
- The SFISD Police Department was awarded funds from the Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant for additional ballistic shields. Awaiting internal processing for the acquisition of the shields.
- Cybersecurity Annex along with updating the Basic Plan were both submitted in September to Texas State Texas School Safety Center as mandated. Waiting for their acceptance of both documents.
- A Safety and Security Satisfaction Survey was conducted. The High School students, Junior High students and all district staff were surveyed. Here is how many staff and students we offered the survey to.

High School Staff: 130	Students: 1321
Junior High Staff: 105	Students: 1012
Barnett Staff: 84	
RJ Wollam Staff: 85	
Kubacak Staff: 89	

A few questions discussed by the committee regarding the survey.

1. Did parents know we sent the survey out?
2. Why are there only a small amount of JH students participating?
3. How was the survey sent out to students?
4. Will the results make any decisions on what safety protocols are kept or removed in the district?

New Business:

- One campus (RJ Wollam) had their annual Intruder Detection Audit which resulted in “No findings”.
 - SFISD was selected for the new TEA District Vulnerability Assessment (DVA).
- Q. One member asked what to expect from the audit and how will the audit work. Chief Espinoza discussed the details of the items they are requesting to audit.

- School board President Rusty Norman spoke about the district voluntarily reached out to Community Oriented Policing Services, also known as COPS of the U.S. Department of Justice to participate in the Critical Response program. Mr. Norman explained how this program will conduct an overview of the district's safety and security protocols and work in collaboration with the district to address any needs or assistance. The formal request was submitted to COPS this week by Dr. Bott.
- Finished the meeting with a Kubacak Elementary School Campus tour.

Questions or Concerns from members:

1. Do we check our AEDs in the district? Yes, we do monthly checks on all AED equipment.
2. Do we do staff training on how to use AEDs? Yes, every employee must complete a course on AED use in Safe schools' trainings.
3. Do we have drone technology in the district? No, the district does not but we have full access to drones through the City of Santa Fe police dept.
4. One member suggested having a bond during election year for a better turn out at the poles.
5. One member suggests a fence be built behind ALC to keep people out and make the campus more secure.
6. Do we have a way of taking attendance of students when a drill or incident occurs? Right now, we use red or green folders with rosters inside. The district is also in the process of implementing the emergency management piece of the Raptor system. This allows staff members to access student rosters via their cell phone or smart device to assist with attendance during the activation of an emergency protocol.

Next meeting: February 26, 2025 at Admin in the training rooms. This will include a tour ALC building.