

**The Cuero Independent School District
Safety and Security Committee
Cuero ISD Board Room
960 East Broadway
Cuero, TX 77954
Meeting, February 11, 2025 at 11:00 AM**

I. Call To Order

The meeting of the Cuero ISD Safety and Security Committee was called to order by Dr. Dyer on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 11:01 AM in the Cuero ISD Board Room located at 960 East Broadway.

II. Introductions / Attendance

The following members were present:

Micah Dyer, Superintendent, Bridgette Cerny, Principal, James McCarter, Assistant Principal, Kevin Lamprecht, Texas Department of Emergency Management, Oscar Ray, Director of Technology, Kim Fleener, Deputy Superintendent, Ruby Rodriguez, Director of Special Programs, Kathy Scott, School Climate Specialist, Wanda Hays, District Nurse, Jennifer Voges, Assistant Principal, Steven Ellis, Cuero Police Department, Jessie Hernandez, Cuero Police Department, Paul Leal, Cuero Police Department, Willie Whitfield, Cuero Police Department, Crystal Hamilton, Director of Special Education, Billy Jordan, DeWitt County EMC, Sandra Hernandez, Director of Food Services, Lacy Timpone, School Climate Specialist, Chastity Henneke, MTSS Coordinator, Katelin Womack, Transportation Coordinator, MaryBeth Atzenhoffer, Counselor, Kelly Phelps, Attendance Officer.

III. Open Forum

No public comments at this time.

IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Phelps made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Dr. Voges. Motion carried.

V. Campus Drills Update

Mrs. Voges reported all drills are up to date and have been logged into the Sentinel online system. Mr. McCarter reported that Hunt Elementary drills are all up to date, documented, and logged in Sentinel. SRO Whitfield reported that Jr. High School is up to date, and they have a fire drill scheduled this week.

VI. Campus Weekly Exterior Door Sweeps Update

Mrs. Voges reported that Cuero High School is up to date with door sweeps, Excel spreadsheets, and documented in Sentinel. Mr. McCarter reported that Hunt Elementary is up to date as well; they had a couple of issues with doors and submitted work orders, which were taken care of immediately. Mrs. Henneke reported that John C. French is all up to date. SRO Whitfield reported that Jr. High and shared that the panic bars have been installed on the gates

VII. Behavioral Threat Assessment Teams Update

Mrs. Rodriguez shared the counts for behavioral threat assessment, suicide risk assessments, and screenings for High School and Jr. High, and the number of students receiving counseling services from each campus; also reported were the counts for Hunt Elementary and John C. French, with the total number of students receiving counseling services from each campus.

VIII. Silent Panic Alert Technology Update

Mr. Ray reported that everything is moving forward with the new Centegix CrisisAlert platform, which will replace Raptor. Hardware will be installed and is planned for March. The visitor management

system is equipped with a live camera and will snap a current photo of the visitor, which is very helpful and will be stored in our system. We anticipate going live with the new system next school year in August to give everyone time to receive training.

IX. District Vulnerability Assessment Full Report

Mrs. Rodriguez reported the district completed the TEA District Vulnerability Assessment in November and that Dr. Dyer reported the findings in the previous meeting. TEA returned to the district to confirm that the minor findings were addressed and provided the district with the final report. Mrs. Rodriguez presented the full assessment report to the committee and shared that it will be presented to the Board of Trustees in the February meeting. Dr. Dyer reported that upon presenting it to the Board of Trustees, the district will have met all assessment requirements.

X. HD Camera Safety & Security System Update

Mr. Ray reported that the HD camera detection facial recognition systems have been set up and tested at all campuses. The tests were successful and are ready for photos to be uploaded. We have 10 active licenses for the newer cameras and these are located at the main offices of each campus, high traffic areas, and stadium. Mr. Ray also shared an update on the visible firearm detection system experiencing some issues; he has reached out to the contractor for troubleshooting.

XI. Campus Safety Walk-Throughs - First Responders & Emergency Personnel

SRO Leal reported that an undercover agent assisted with an intruder assessment drill at High School. Staff approached him immediately for identification as he tried to enter different hallways and areas; staff were very proactive and verified the drill with law enforcement. Dr. Dyer invited all first responders and emergency personnel to complete walk-throughs at campuses anytime and to complete practice drills.

XII. New Business Update

Mr. McCarter asked for updates regarding ICE. Dr. Dyer reported that ICE is in the community, will only be picking up students who have committed a crime, and will be treated as any visitor via the visitor management system if they were to show up to a campus. Chief Ellis shared that ICE has a list of targets and that Cuero PD will help them locate targets.

Dr. Dyer shared that we are in a legislative session and there is a lot of discussion regarding funding for safety and security. Depending on the final funding amounts, we may be able to add more SROs to the campuses, but we will not know the final numbers until later.

Mr. Jordan apologized for not having more communication from the County Office and asked if there is anything he can relay back to the office. Attendees shared concerns about the outdated 911 dispatch equipment and EMS having issues finding addresses. Mrs. Hays shared that the EMS response time has improved recently.

Mrs. Hays inquired about AED cabinet alarms and mentioned that the alarms do not always sound when the cabinet is opened; she asked if she should consider replacing them. Upon further discussion, she and Dr. Dyer agreed that as long as the AEDs function properly, the current cabinets can be used.

XIII. Adjournment

Mr. Phelps made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chief Ellis. The meeting adjourned at 11:43 AM.