

Safety Committee Meeting Notes

October 11, 2:00 p.m., CHEC 220

Attendees: Dr. Sherry Schumann, Chief Bill Taylor, Mike Messina, Jason Parry, Floyd Nickerson, Terrence Brennan, Dr. Linda Qualia, Dr. John Glass, Kat Balch, Liz Howard, Samar Rawas, Dr. Abe Johnson, Meredith Martin, Pamela Lee, Amy Gainer, Deanna Brown, Susan Evans, Gian Aryani, Sarah Densmore
Not in Attendance: Dr. Rachel Bzostek Walker, Blake Chernyha

I. Introductions and Updates – Sherry Schumann

Email address created at safety@collin.edu to address questions from district. Committee created to address SB11. Most questions that come in to the email account are not related to SB11. We will try to direct the questions to those that can help answer them.

Introductions around the room.

There is a Safety Plan Steering Committee that implements the Safety Plan, which is a different group from this committee.

II. Campus Safety Plan Update – Bill Taylor

Working on increasing number of police officers district-wide. Inhouse, now have 3 police lieutenants as leadership, 5 police sergeants as supervisors (and will need 4 more with new campuses – will promote internally), 24-hr dispatch is available that is manned by communications operators, and strong team of officers.

Working on developing classes.

Working on developing the School Marshal program.

Working on determining where to build a police facility. Waiting on approval. Would house police headquarters, emergency management operations.

Working on implementation of an electronic access control system. Goal is to have it completed by summer 2020. Exterior doors are being completed first. Interior doors will happen later.

Working on a 24/7 communications center with blue light telephones. They will be located in parking lots and courtyard areas so they are accessible, if needed. Will also have emergency phones wall-mounted in parking garages close to every stairwell. Phone will have a push-button that will directly contact the police department and will provide police with the information of immediate location of the caller. Can also use the towers as public announcement systems if needed.

Signs are now included in every classroom and laboratory so room number and police contact info is available. All classrooms and labs have manual internal locks as well as phones to make emergency calls.

Working on updating parking lot lights. Lighting is now enhanced to provide more safety.

Adding additional security cameras across the district.

All buildings across the district will be completely rekeyed, inside and out, in the future (date and timeline unknown).

III. *Fall Campus Carry/School Marshal Program Information Sessions – Sherry Schumann*

Through SGA and Student Services, it was determined that students and community were unaware of the legislation regarding campus carry rights. Many sessions happened in the past. Starting to do information sessions again to promote awareness.

SGA decided to try to get info sessions to take place so that current students could be notified and ask questions. PR sent out a mass email to notify students. Two info sessions have happened, with several more to go. Dr. Tezeno will gather all the questions being asked at the sessions so that they can be addressed on other scales, as needed. SGA officials went around the campuses to ask what questions students would ask if they could attend the forums and compiled a list of questions. Samar will email it to Terrence (the list has already been emailed to some advisors). Difficult to get legislative communication out. Need to help make students and community aware. Request from students that information be added to orientation sessions.

IV. *Emergency Management Plan – Mike Messina*

Emergency Management working group is very similar to the Safety Committee – review and discuss emergency management. It is cross-departmental for the entire district.

The timeline for the office of emergency management is to assess in 2018-19, collaborate and train in fall 2019, develop plans, and have awareness and drills.

Status report provided regarding the EM program.

Basic plans have been created and are awaiting approval and implementation. Full detailed plans are in process.

Standard emergency procedures have been created to replace the procedures that are currently in classrooms. They are awaiting approval.

Request to provide procedural information and incorporate it into supervisory training.

Information will be made available to public.

V. *Question from Committee Member - Coordinating Notifications Between ISD Police and Collin Police*

There is an alert system in place at each ISD (similar to CougarAlert), but to be notified, people have to actively sign up for the alerts. Each alert system is specific to each ISD. Collin faculty will need to sign up for the ISD alert system for wherever they teach. Anyone can sign up for these alerts. Raul Martinez is compiling a listing of how to sign up for alerts for each ISD that is associated with Collin.

Raul is also reaching out to each ISD to determine a point of contact in case of an emergency and how to have communication between the entities. Mike Messina stated that for ISDs with emergency management personnel that they communicate between each other.

Alerts are generic and don't provide a lot of information, but they will still provide notification that something is happening.