

**The Cuero Independent School District
Safety and Security Committee
Cuero ISD Board Room
960 East Broadway
Cuero, TX 77954
Meeting, July 20, 2022 at 1:30 PM**

I. Call To Order

The meeting of the Cuero ISD Safety and Security Committee was called to order by Dr. Dyer on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 1:30 PM in the Cuero ISD Conference Room located at 960 East Broadway.

II. Introductions / Attendance

The following members were present:

Sergeant Mike Cantu, Department of Public Safety, Jaime Dyer, Assistant Principal, Wanda Hays, District Nurse; Courtney Schacherl, Elementary Mental Health Counselor; Ruby Rodriguez, SSSP Coordinator; Kim Fleener, Principal; Lieutenant Jerome Hernandez, Cuero Police Department; Paul Leal, School Resource Officer; Bill Hamilton, Board of Trustees Member, Lacy Timpone, Secondary Mental Health Counselor; Darrin Stansberry, Assistant Principal; Rudy Rocha, Assistant Principal; Bo Daniel, Transportation Director; Katrina Bowen, Principal; Dave Truman, Network Director; Heather Stewart, Teacher, Rhonda Templin, School Resource Officer; Dr. Micah Dyer, Superintendent.

III. Open Forum

No public comments at this time.

IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Truman made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Timpone. Motion carried.

V. Campus Summer Targeted Partial Safety Audit

Dr. Dyer reviewed and discussed the mandatory Summer Targeted Partial Safety Audit spreadsheet with committee members. He stated the campus safety teams must complete and submit the spreadsheet to Mrs. Rodriguez for data disaggregation no later than August 5, 2022.

VI. Campus Exterior Door Safety Audit

Dr. Dyer reviewed and discussed the mandatory exterior door audit spreadsheet and mandatory weekly exterior door sweeps documentation that must be completed. He stated the campus safety teams must designate a person or persons to complete the weekly exterior door sweeps and maintain the documentation in an easily accessible area for office staff to present upon request.

VII. Campus Safety Training Update

Dr. Dyer shared that 70 additional cameras were installed that tie into the new updated Avigilon camera system. He also shared an update on the Bullet Shield / Defense Lite glass safety project and stated the Early Childhood Center has been added to the project. Dr. Dyer shared that the campus safety teams are checking exterior doors to ensure they remain locked at all times and teams are providing safety training to all staff including substitutes. Dr. Dyer would like to set up a day early in the first 6 weeks of school for a full lockdown drill. He requested that Lt. Hernandez coordinate the schedule for both the lock down drill and intruder assessment.

VIII. Campus Mandatory Drills Scheduled for 2022-2023

Dr. Dyer shared that the campus safety teams are working on their mandatory drills schedule for the 2022-2023 school year and will contact the administration office at all times prior to beginning the drills.

IX. Campus Threat Assessment Team & Training

Mrs. Rodriguez shared that the Region 3 School Safety Lead, Elias Moya, will be providing on-site School Behavioral Threat Assessment Training to all team members, including those who have previously completed training on July 28, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the Cuero ISD Board Room. This is a mandatory training for all team members

X. Campus Access Control Procedures

Dr. Dyer shared campus safety teams are reviewing access control procedures with staff and substitutes for weekly exterior door sweeps, classroom doors, visitor check-in procedures, and single entry points at the campus main entrance. He also discussed a quote being requested for a buzzer entry system for the high school athletics department.

XI. Campus Safety Walk Through with Law Enforcement

Dr. Dyer shared the Cuero Police Department members together with the Department of Public Safety members and other first responders will be conducting a safety walk through at all campuses on Thursday, July 21, 2022 beginning at high school then continuing to Junior High, Hunt Elementary, and John C. French Elementary.

XII. Emergency Operations Plan and Active Threat Annex

Mrs. Rodriguez shared that the district safety team is working on the EOP Active Threat Annex and Active Shooter Appendix using the template toolkits provided by the Texas School Safety Center. Draft copies were shared for review and updates.

XIII. New Business Update

Mr. Hamilton shared he wants law enforcement at each campus to help prevent violence and in the event of an emergency or active threat. He will discuss his concerns with the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Hays shared that the Uvalde schools should have been locked down immediately after law enforcement knew of reporting of a shooting victim without the shooter identified or apprehended. Sergeant Cantu shared that the Uvalde area being so close to the border was used to lock downs with all of the bailouts.

Dr. Dyer shared the district are looking into options to add law enforcement to all campuses and agreed with Mr. Hamilton. He wants school to be welcoming to students and families.

Mrs. Stewart shared concern of Jr. High athletic students walking alone to high school. Mr. Daniel stated a school bus is always available for coaches to use to transport students all day. Mrs. Stewart shared concerns of staff leaving main entrance doors unlocked. Dr. Dyer stated the facilities department is working on rekeying doors and installing spring lock mechanisms at all vestibules.

Mrs. Bowen asked if the district would consider having The Guardian Program as a deterrent for school violence. Dr. Dyer shared the district feels more safe having trained law enforcement handle all

emergency situations. Sergeant Cantu shared how Cuero ISD has 2 school resource officers and quick access to both the County Sheriff's Office and Police Department. Sergeant Cantu feels the district is well staffed, having two school resource officers.

Dr. Dyer shared the Cuero Police Department, Department of Public Safety, and school resource officers train in the summer at campuses for both drills and walk-throughs. Sergeant Cantu shared that he and his Department of Public Safety team visit schools frequently and that he visits Hunt Elementary at least 3 times per week as well and how they have to log and document their campus visits. Sergeant Cantu stated the Department of Public Safety is always available to help.

Officer Leal shared clear radio communication is an issue in buildings. Mrs. Fleener shared cell phones do not work at high school. Dr. Dyer stated all classrooms have working phones for anyone to call 911 directly. Mr. Hamilton asked if all areas have access to a phone.

Dr. Dyer thanked all in attendance and stated the safety of all students and staff is of utmost importance.

XIV. Adjournment

Sergeant Cantu made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Daniel. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Minutes approved by the District Safety & Security Committee on October 26, 2022.