

**The Cuero Independent School District  
Safety and Security Committee  
Cuero ISD Board Room  
960 East Broadway  
Cuero, TX 77954  
Meeting, September 29, 2021 at 11:00 AM**

**I. Call To Order**

The meeting of the Cuero ISD Safety and Security Committee was called to order by Mrs. Rodriguez on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 11:00 AM in the Cuero ISD Board Room located at 960 East Broadway.

**II. Introductions / Attendance**

The following members were present:

Wanda Hays, District Nurse; Courtney Schacherl, Elementary Mental Health Counselor; Ruby Rodriguez, SSSP Coordinator; Lieutenant Jerome Hernandez, Cuero Police Department; Dr. Pam Longbotham, Assistant Superintendent; Jennifer Dracos, Principal; Paul Leal, School Resource Officer; Emily Weatherly, Parent; James McCarter, Assistant Principal; Lacy Timpone, Secondary Mental Health Counselor; Neal Raphael, Assistant Principal; Gene Lasseter, Assistant Principal, Judge Daryl Fowler, DeWitt County, Texas; Dr. Micah Dyer, Superintendent; Jennifer Bauer, Principal.

**III. Public Comment**

No public comments at this time.

**IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Mrs. Bauer made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Weatherly. Motion carried.

**V. Campus Drills 2021-2022 Update**

Mrs. Bauer reported John C. French has completed two fire drills and will complete one lockdown. Mr. McCarter reported Hunt Elementary has completed five drills total in 2021 with one lockdown, one hazmat, and three fire drills; they discovered issues with some doors that will be addressed. Mrs. Dracos reported Jr. High has completed one fire drill to date. Mr. Lasseter reported High School scheduled a fire drill that turned into a lockdown drill due to weather conditions.

**VI. Schools Vape Prevention Program Update**

Mrs. Dracos presented evidence to the committee showing the vape sensors are working at Jr. High. Mr. Lasseter reported the sensors at High School are also working; bathroom traffic is high which sometimes makes it difficult to track students.

**VII. Sandy Hook Promise Say Something - School Programs Update**

Officer Templin reported Jr. High performed skits last school year beginning in March 2021; students made posters and also held a bookmark contest. Officer Leal reported the posters and stickers are being displayed at High School; he is working with seniors and will have a lockdown to demonstrate how to deal with real life situations and help students refrain from crime.

**VIII. Campus Behavioral Threat Assessment Team Update**

Mrs. Rodriguez reported due to the ongoing challenges schools are experiencing, Texas Education Agency will continue to phase in the Senate Bill 11 mandatory data reporting requirement for Campus Behavioral Threat Assessment teams. In November 2021 teams will be required to collect data regarding behavioral threat assessments conducted by campuses, interventions, and required completion of training for the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021. She sent an email to staff members with dates of free and virtual training opportunities to complete the required training.

**IX. COVID-19 Update**

Mrs. Hays reported the numbers are looking better; the start of the year was rough and that more people are testing overall.

**X. ESSER Grant Update**

Dr. Longbotham reported the district has hired two counselors to address mental health, anger and stress management, death, homelessness, social and emotional learning; with mental health resources they will also address abuse and trauma-informed care training. One counselor will serve elementary and the other will serve secondary. She stated the district is very fortunate to have these services for students, teachers, and staff.

**XI. Safe and Supportive Schools Student Survey Results**

Mrs. Rodriguez reported 308 secondary students completed the Safe and Supportive School Survey at the end of last school year . The complete survey results were shared with the committee by email. Overall 235 students answered they feel safe, 55 feel very safe, and 18 do not feel safe.

**XII. New Business Update**

Dr. Dyer reported an incident occurred last Friday that was determined to be a rumor / hoax; the initial claim was made by a student in Carrizo Springs of a possible threat; the Cuero community misread the threat of CSHS as CHS. Dr. Dyer received a phone call at 7:15 AM that day and quickly notified everyone. The local police department and DPS helped keep watch and everyone felt safe.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Mrs. Weatherly made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Dracos. Meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM.