

Chesterfield County Public Schools
School Safety Task Force-Working Group #1
Meeting #3-8.6.18-Minutes

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I. Welcome

Mr. Erbach welcomed committee members and members of the public. Offered an opportunity to share feedback following the meeting.

Attendees

- Matthew Botset
- Tim Bullis
- School Board Chair John Erbach
- Katrina Goodman
- Kume Goranson
- Chief of Schools Dr. John Gordon
- Captain Donald Huff
- Lisa Madison
- Dave McCoy
- Glen Pike
- Citizen Representative Ron White
- Nicole Wilcox
- Supervisor Chris Winslow

Absent:

- Major Brad Badgerow
- Senator Roslyn Dance
- William Davenport
- Melvin Diaz
- John Dietrich
- Colonel Jeffrey Katz
- David Necessary
- Mona Siddiqui
- Michael Young

II. Approval of the Minutes from the 6.18.18 Meeting

- Minutes reviewed; Ron White was not absent on 6.18.18. Minutes approved.

III. Feedback from MOU Community Discussion

- Mr. Roberts reviewed MOU process. Shared community input. Shared outcomes of both concerns and ideas. Need to still resolve how the issue of interviewing students during the school day for incidents that occur off-campus during non-school hours. Target timeline moving forward is that the revised MOU will be in place for the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.
- Question: What is current procedure for interviewing students during the day regarding off-campus, non-school incidents?

- Mr. Roberts reviewed Policy #6135: Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities
- Question: What is not working about this process?
- Mr. Roberts shared there can be complications if the student does not want to be interviewed; if the student is a victim vs. witness vs. suspect; if the Principal (in loco parentis) feels the interview is no longer appropriate.
- Discussion that our MOU should address multiple intersections of Constitutional guidelines, School Board policy, parental rights, student rights.
- Discussion of mandated reporting regarding off-campus sexual assault if it is reported to school personnel.

IV. Subcommittee Survey Data: Role of the SRO, Communication Protocol

- Ms. Wilcox shared an overview of a survey that was administered and recommendations.
 - 43 total respondents: 18 Principals; 25 SROs
 - Where should SRO offices should be located?
 - Purpose of SROs?
 - Role of SROs?
 - How are SROs different from SSOs? Different from administrators?
- Discussion of when/if SRO files should be shared with administrators (threat assessment vs. becoming part of the student record).
- Discussion of publicizing the names of the members of threat assessment teams vs. listing general categories of who would participate
- Discussion of threat assessment procedures that occur in schools; role of mental health procedures; collaborative
- Mr. Pike shared an overview of an additional survey on communication protocols that was conducted but had limited responses.
 - Use of SRO personal phones for after hours issues
 - Concern that SRO calendars are impacted by external activities and there is not an efficient way to share information with Principals
 - Concern that SROs do not have substitutes if they are absent
- Discussion of possibility of having Sheriffs trained as back-ups for SROs

V. Subcommittee Report Work

a. Research and Data

b. Recommendations

- 2-3 recommendations per subcommittee**
- Recommendations will move forward in white paper to Task Force**

c. Subcommittee Presentations to the Working Group

- MOU and Arrests on School Property**
- Role of the SRO**
- Communication Protocols**

- Discussion of white paper that will be the outcome of this group; see item VII below.

VI. Suggestions from the Chair-Mr. John Erbah

a. Annual Transparency Report from CCPD and CCPS

- i. Teachable lessons describing CCPD involvement**
 - 1. Administrative/School Perspective**
 - 2. CCPD Perspective**
 - 3. Similarities and Differences**
- ii. Data Release Protocol**

- Discussion of student members of committee's perception that certain students are targeted during drug dog searches; review of the data did not indicate any targeting; there is an opportunity to compile this information to be shared annually
- Discussion of reporting aggregate data of incidents that occur in schools and communicating that to families on a regular basis, such as with report cards. Discussion that discipline data can have data entry errors and takes time to compile and verify. Discussion that sharing data by school can lead to negative perceptions so sharing data by level may be more appropriate.
- Discussion of need to contextualize data when sharing with parents and look at data trends over time as practices are improved; discussed increase in use of PBIS strategies and new standardization of consequences.

VII. Working Group #1 White Paper

- a. Summary of Objectives and Scope of Work**
- b. Recommendations from Subcommittees**
 - i. Will include recommended timeline for implementation**
 - ii. Will include recommended documentation and report schedule**
 - iii. Also should include recommendations with no consensus**
 - iv. Appendix**
- c. Recommendation for routine MOU revision- will include feedback from a Safety Group**
 - Will have 2-3 recommendations per sub-committee and 6-7 total recommendations from the larger committee
 - Discussion of importance of raising awareness of SROs in our schools and the committee has accomplished that task.
 - This committee will most likely report out in October.
 - Discussion of ways to develop stronger relationships between SROs and students may be included in our report.
 - Discussion of possibly requiring SROs to attend training on how to work in schools; including administrators in the training; ideas for collaboration between school counselors and SROs.
 - Discussion of including SROs at the elementary school level and/or a shared schools model.
 - Discussion of establishing a new role in school system to work as the main point of contact with the Chesterfield Police Department; would also assist in getting information to school administrators
 - Discussion of possible format for white paper and how to provide additional comments.

VIII. Suggestions from other School Safety Task Force Working Groups

- a. Police Patrols at known traffic "hot spots"**
- b. Police presence in school parking lots during arrival and dismissal**
- c. Police Patrols at bus stops and walking routes**

- Discussion of the committee recommending additional SROs over the course of several years and/or expanding the use of Sheriffs as SROs

IX. Open Agenda

a. Additional materials from Sheriff Leonard have been placed in Google Drive

b. Additional Safety App; citizenaid.us

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- Review of Open Agenda items; discussion of apps used for reporting
- Discussion of appreciation for the committee members' time and work as this is the last formal meeting of the group.