



**2018 School Safety Task Force  
Working Group #2: School Safety  
Meeting 2: June 5, 2018 7:00-9:00 p.m. Bellwood Elementary Library**

**Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)**

**Attendance**

Diane Smith, Chair  
Donald Green, Facilitator  
Emily Ashley, Facilitator  
Sgt. Jason Seamster, Facilitator  
Cpt. Andrea Reismeyer, Facilitator  
Venson Wallin, Committee Member  
Aurelia Ortiz, CCPS and VSU Doctoral Student  
Julius Hamlin, VSU Doctoral Student  
Latoria Anderson, VSU Doctoral Student  
Salwa Aljehani, VSU Doctoral Student  
Chief Loy Senter, Task Force Member  
Sabrina Adams, Committee Member  
Amrah O'Donnell, Committee Member  
Kristin Tait, Task Force Member  
Mark Bowen, Task Force Member  
Sue Mederios, Chesterfield Mental Health  
Jennifer Porter, Committee Member

As a note, all ideas that are discussed in this meeting are under the auspice to look at every practice that exist and then have discussion if the idea fits the model of Chesterfield County; hence a large spectrum of ideas are generated from the committee.

**Meeting Summary**

Donald Green provided an overview of the last School Safety Task Force Meeting that Joe Tylus provided an update of the Working Group's first meeting.

Donald went over the results for the survey that was sent out to Elementary, Middle and High Schools throughout the district. There were 398 responses from school personnel, the survey will be sent home to parents. Because of the timing with Standards of Learning Testing and end of school year activities the robust survey mechanism that were discussed at the first Working Group Meeting were not used. The electronic survey was able to provide a snapshot that will be able to be further researched through more in-depth research at a later date. (Survey is attached).

Survey discussion also ensued around the active shooter drills being dynamic compared to fire or tornado drills that were also the same step procedures and increasing training on the dynamic aspect of the drills (as current ALARM training reflects and will be continued to be rolled out). The survey is a tool to begin conversation for constant feedback rather than to be an endpoint.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

#### ***Technology***

Sabrina gave information on research that included the important of landscaping, panic button aps, and metal detectors in schools. Donald referenced Crime Prevention Based on Environmental Design (CPED) as a known best practice that includes landscaping.

The group also discussed Social Media monitoring and the use of Gaggle that will search Google drives.

Donald gave an overview of Capital Improvement Projects that address school security through technology that are already occurring.

Jim talked on having anonymous tip lines as well as various use of force items in the classrooms, such as large rocks. Currently there is no systemwide tip line.

Cpt. Reismeyer talked on proximity cards that can instantly be deactivated and internal doors could be traced who last went through them but very expensive.

#### ***Traffic Management***

Amrah updated the group on traffic practices outside of Virginia that included neighborhood crossing guards. Donald advised the group on Newport News practices that crossing guards are part of the school system and trained in AAA crossing guard program rather than being part of the County. Lt. Seamster advised the group that annually a study is done on which schools have the highest walker percentage that assist in evaluating if additional crossing guards need to be hired.

### ***Emergency Plans***

Emily updated the group on best practices for plan development, many that Schools is currently doing. Plans need to be reevaluated to use common terminology (i.e. media center vs. library) and share plans with public safety on a regular basis. Public Safety will be able to use the plans for pre-planning measures.

The group discussed radio issues and basic communication needs for teachers from playgrounds or learning cottages. Schools are limited with radios based on FCC license but want to evaluate other cheaper alternatives that would allow for quick, reliable communication.

### ***Safety and Security***

Mark Bowen and Donald presented a draft proposal of using retired law enforcement officers in Schools and an in-depth review of Bellwood Elementary program (recommendation attached).

### **Closing**

Donald tasked the group to work in their sub-committees to begin creating proposals that could be included in the white paper draft; also include cost. Next Work Group meeting will be at the School Board Offices on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.