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SCHOOL SAFETY TASK FORCE MEETING

Oct. 2, 2018 at 6 p.m.

CTC@HULL - ROOM D136

PRESENT: Hon. Brian Moran, Co-Chair, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Commonwealth of Virginia; Hon. Laura Fornash, Co-Chair, Former Secretary of Education, Commonwealth of Virginia; Dr. Javaid Siddiqi, Chesterfield County School Board, Midlothian District; Dianne Smith, Chesterfield County School Board, Clover Hill District; Jim Holland, Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors, Dale District; Christopher Winslow, Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors, Clover Hill District; Sen. Rosalyn Dance, 16th Senate District; Matthew Wilkerson, Chesterfield County Sheriff's Department; Dr. Joe Casey, County Administrator, Chesterfield County; Col. Jeffrey Katz, Chief of Police, Chesterfield County; Chief Loy Senter, Chief, Chesterfield Fire & EMS; Frank LaRuffa, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney for Chesterfield County; Sonia Smith, President, Chesterfield Education Association; Kristin Tait, Assistant Principal, Swift Creek Elementary; Morgan Rhudy, Student, James River High; Robert Innes, Citizen, Bermuda District; Lisa Mansfield, Citizen, Bermuda District; Dr. John Deitrick, Citizen, Clover Hill District; Mark Bowen, Citizen, Dale District; Stacey Haney, Citizen, Matoaca District; Michele Warden, Citizen, Midlothian District.

I. WELCOME

Co-Chair Moran started the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Upon motion of Co-Chair Fornash, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the minutes from the June 12, 2018 Task Force meeting were unanimously approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

IV. REPORT FROM WORKING GROUP #2 - SCHOOL SAFETY

Dianne Smith, Clover Hill District School Board Representative, and **Dr. Joseph Tylus**, CCPS Executive Director of Constituent Services and Student Leadership, presented Working Group #2's recommendations to the Task Force:

1. Examine the role of School Security Officers or Mentors in elementary schools.
2. Ensure that crisis plans/maps/floorplans/overhead photos are shared with public safety agencies and use common terminology, labeling, keys, and formats.
3. Controlled access to schools through vestibules.
4. Assess potential panic buttons and alert options.
5.
 - a. Begin a stipend position for a designated safety team leader at each school.
 - b. Implement a partnership between PTAs and the Office of Family and Community Engagement focused on parent-community educational programming on topics relevant to improving school safety.

Discussion centered around funding, clarification of the designated safety team leader's role, and training for administrators.

Following discussion, the Task Force accepted recommendations 2, 3, 4, 5-A, and 5-B. Recommendation #1 was not brought forth for consideration.

V. REPORT FROM WORKING GROUP #3 - STUDENT CONDUCT AND STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Holly Oehrlein, a member of Working Group #3, presented the group's recommendations to the Task Force:

1. Provide a more comprehensive alternative education setting to include support services.
2. Increase funding for additional mental health staffing.
3. Provide education, not suspension, for students under the influence.
4. Increase the implementation of programs to increase parental involvement.
5. Continue the implementation of positive behavioral interventions and supports, social and emotional learning, trauma-informed care, and restorative practices.

Discussion centered around Recommendation #3; specifically, when law enforcement should be notified with regard to students attending school under the influence. Further discussion topics included the standards-of-quality ratios for mental health specialists vs. the current ratio in Chesterfield, as well as the need to raise student awareness of available supports.

Following discussion, the Task Force accepted recommendations 1, 2, 4, and 5. The Task Force asked Working Group #3 to revise Recommendation #3 and present the revisions at the next meeting.

VI. BREAK

The Task Force took a brief break from 7:14-7:25 p.m.

VII. REPORT FROM WORKING GROUP #4 - STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Carrie Coyner, Bermuda District School Board Representative, presented Working Group #2's recommendations to the Task Force:

1. Amend standards of quality and align student support personnel ratios with best practices.
2. Conduct a review of Student Support Services' job responsibilities and reassign tasks that do not conform to professional training and expertise.
3. Develop a plan to initially fund and sustain multi-tiered, whole-child frameworks, pre-k through 12th grade.
4. Review and critically evaluate parent/guardian education and awareness activities related to wellness, student mental health supports, and resources available in CCPS and in the community.
5. Develop an intentional plan for implementation of whole-child development programming that aligns with the current strategic plan.

Discussion centered around the importance of community engagement and the need to look at all relationships that children experience each day, a clarification of state vs. local roles and responsibilities, and staff allocation.

Following discussion, the Task Force accepted recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following speakers addressed the Task Force:

- **Jim Lupacchino**, a member of Working Group #2, spoke in favor of an armed mentor program.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Moran discussed next steps and announced that the next School Safety Task Force meeting would take place at 9 a.m. on Oct. 31, 2018 in the Thomas Fulghum Center at CTC@Hull.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.