

## School Safety Audit Committee Minutes

January 16, 2024

Kings Fork Middle School 4:00 pm-5:00pm

1. **Attendance:** Cindy Devers, David LeFevre, James Allen, Melissa Zawodny, Travis McKinney, Jonathan Rankin, Brandon Randleman (virtual), Jewell Hoffler, Mr. Thompson (late arrival)
2. Approval of minutes from our last meeting.
  - Approved
3. Review Grant with the committee and where we are with spending this grant.
  - 3 year grant Complete Stronger Connections Safety Grant ( Jen Connor and Dave Lefevre)
    - \$334,000
      - Must share with private schools (\$15,000)
  - Proposed use of monies from Grant- safety for schools
    - School safety officer for middle school- 70, 000 (31, 000 over 3 yrs)
    - Panic Button 120,000
      - App installed on phones. Will go through Raptor hopefully will be finalized by the end of the month.
    - Security Upgrade for Private 16,000
    - Safety Materials 104,000- \$70, 000 just in radios.
    - Possible relay system installed in schools with connectivity issues
    - Private ID badge holders for \$150.00
    - More weapon detectors: All elementary have 2 middles 3 and high school 3

4. Discuss the resignation of one of our members and what protocol must be followed.

- Require a letter that he resigns his position then board member will decide if they would like an additional committee member (Mr. Donker)

5. Discuss the two bomb threats that took place at JFK/CFCMS.

- JFK- alleged shooter and bomb threat was called in pouring rain.
  - Everything goes to the police department and they decide what is needed.
  - Bussed the students to BTW and used the reunification planning committee plans that were in place.
  - 2 hr dismissal but everything still worked out. The staff/students at JFK were phenomenal.
  - Food Service supported
  - **Issues:** students texting parent(s) with false information
- Thursday bomb threat
  - - Issues no bathroom but neighboring business offered to support the use of bathrooms. Had bomb dogs from Portsmouth to support. Same reunification system was put in place at JFK rather than having to leave to relocate.
  - Debriefed with SAO, police, and school administration across the district.

**Concerns Raised:** Is there another way to get students checked out of school without having parents come inside. Trying to make the system “mobile” Mr. McKinney has an idea that he will present to the group at the next meeting.

- Alhabest/Parks and Rec using SPS metal detectors to help ensure early arrivals are vetted

6. Presentation of Current Safety Concerns:

- a. Stickers on our front door windows letting the public know they are being videoed and recorded.
  - b. Discuss and show the posters displayed in another high school - readable fonts, not too flowery, give a criteria form for students to Talented Art clubs.
  - c. Have a person who is directly responsible for safety in schools.
    - i. Walk the halls, check the doors, handle with care.
  - d. A bathroom to set up during reunification-camper style
- We need to prioritize what has been recommended and what new things we come up with
    - Chair will meet with Dr. Gordon to determine what our team's role is in the responsibilities regarding the completion/update of items that are presented to the board (for instance what we presented last year).
  - Status Updates from last year's Safety Presentation to the board (with priority ranking)
    - Additional 11 SROs for elementary, CCAP, and TWS- not approved yet (high)
    - Need Lockers to house chemicals in schools- not approved (low)
    - Walking lanes from KFMS/KFHS- approved (high) (Funded by cameras/tickets) -
      - Mr. McKinney will follow up
    - Cameras on all 3 High Football Fields only 1 was completed (high)
    - Cameras outside of buses was approved (low)
    - Traffic Light FBES, NPES- 375,000 quoted (NRHS will be changing the route arrival/dismissal) (Med)
      - Mr. McKinney will follow up with City Council
    - Cameras outside of transportation and buzz them in (High)
    - Intercom system outside of Elementary (High Priority)
    - Air Quality protectors (Low)

- Add in a traffic light by KFHS.
- Noted that only got 3 out of 11 suggestions were approved to complete last year.

Questions asked:

- Do we have specific safety funds? State funding specific for school security?
- How do we get a conservator officer of the peace?

7. Create meeting dates for the rest of this year: 4:00-5:00

Feb 6, 2024

Mar 12, 2024

Apr 9, 2024

May 7, 2024

8. New Concerns

1) Mr. McKinney concerns

- Trusted Adult Program - Mr. McKinney would like to know where Dr. Gordon got his trusted adult program. Mrs. Devers explained that there is not a “program” however we do talk to our 8th and 10th graders when discussing depression and suicidal ideation that they should have a trusted adult that they can talk to. We tell students that this can be someone in your home (family member), someone at school (staff members, coach, counselor) or someone in the community (church leader, coach). A Family Night was held to share this information with all parents of 8th and 10th grade students and is held every year.
  - Mr. McKinney would like to address this at our next safety meeting and discuss possibly adding a policy to address Trusted Adults. He is concerned that there are HIPPA violations occurring with the Trusted Adult.

2) Mr. Thompson’s concerns

- A Parent reported to him that their child witnessed the passing of guns at LHS prior to entering the school building bc students were counting.
  - It was shared that all students go through the weapon detectors and that we do not do random checks at the detectors. It was also asked whether the student let an adult know that it was happening or if the parent had contacted the school to let them know that it was going on. Please contact that parent to have them call the school to give more information. We can pull the cameras if we know the time and date that it occurred.

## 9. Adjourn