
TISD SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 15, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Dr Steven Gutierrez, TISD Chief Operating Officer, at 4:34 pm, in the Tomball ISD Administration Building Board Room. Dr. Gutierrez welcomed the committee members and gave opening remarks and a brief overview of the purpose of the committee.

Dr. Steven Gutierrez asked the committee to introduce themselves and share their role in the district.

The first report, Safety and Security Responsibilities, was presented by Stephanie Thomas, TISD Assistant Director of Operating Services. These responsibilities include assisting with development of multi-hazard emergency plans (EOP), providing recommendations to the Board of Trustees for improvements to the EOP, providing information related to the safety and security audits, reviewing reports submitted to the Texas School Safety Center, and consulting with law enforcement agencies as needed.

Cathy Pool, TISD Director of Health Services presented information on the Trauma Injury Response Protocol. This information primarily addressed the bleeding control kits and training. In response to questions from the committee, Cathy stated that bleed kits are in every secondary classroom and 3-5 kits are in each elementary pod. Committee member Landon Reed stated that his office (Precinct 4 Community Liaison) would look into requesting a grant to fully supply each district classroom with kits. Since there is a shelf life associated with chest seals, those pieces of the kits will need to be replaced on a schedule.

In response to a question about whether staff training is required, Cathy stated that training is not required by law; however, if a teacher has a kit in their classroom, they are strongly encouraged to receive training for use.

The overview of the Safety Audit was presented by Steve Guerrero, Director of District Support. There was an exterior door audit conducted by district staff working with the SRO's, and safety trainings were also held this summer. We are in the third year of a 3-year audit cycle. Safety-related work orders are given the highest priority for attention. There is consideration for hiring an outside consultant to assist with safety audits. This is in process for evaluation of potential vendors to provide this service. There was a question about the police department being part of the vendor selection process and Dr. Gutierrez answered that it would be.

Steve also discussed the Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan, which is an overview of the EOP and annexes.

There was a question of how the Student Resource Officers assist with daily operations related to safety checks. There will be more information presented in the closed session.

The committee went into a closed session at 5:13 pm and resumed the open session at 6:10 pm.

Kathy Handler and Dr. Martha Salazar Zamora thanked the members of the committee for their participation and input to the safety of the district.

After a motion and a second, Dr. Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 6:16 pm.