

Dayton School District Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes January 24, 2020

Safety Committee Chair Nicki Luper called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Present were Kristina Brown, Danon Griffen, Tracy Pearson, Kristina Knebel, Dan Nechodom, Kathy Mason, Dawn McGhan, School Board Representative Justin Jaech, John Delp, Doug Johnson and Jana Eaton.

Committee members reviewed the minutes from the November 22, 2019 meeting and the accident reports to date. The risers have been repaired using zip ties and hooks not hinges and supports as reported in the November minutes.

The committee discussed the drill schedule. Discussion continued on leaving doors unlocked or locked. The recommendation from the committee is to leave doors locked if time and situation permits (this is in the event of an evacuation not lockdown). Other areas that were covered for the next lockdown drill were:

- **Take drill seriously-** Engage ALL students so they are actively participating and identifying the steps to keep themselves and peers safe.
- The situation you are in at the time determines your response. If the threat is outside your classroom door, your first response will be different from those of someone in another building on campus. Talk students through different scenarios and walk through the responses.
- Go through the steps of a lockdown drill with students. The next drill will be used as a teaching opportunity with time to debrief after the drill to discuss different situations and how to respond to those situations. Discussion will depend on age of students with the emphasis on engaging students in the discussion. The following is information Ms. Luper shared with the committee regarding possible scenarios or talking points to engage students in reactions or responses to different situations.
 - How close may the imminent danger be- this determines your first reaction.
 - If not in a classroom at the time what do you do? Go to nearest space where you can lock or barricade in, Are you outside, during passing time, lunch, recess, Run, Hide, fight...
 - Door locked - make sure safe to lock door /is it ok to see if anyone in the hallway needs to get in a classroom.
 - Cover windows- is it safe to close blinds and cover windows
 - Identify Door Wall Side - Shooter can't see you
 - No cell phones- Why?
 - Being quiet- Shooter follows what they can see and hear
 - Barricade- What to use, where, when build one
 - Debrief with students and your peers.
 - What went well
 - How did the students respond?
 - What you learned and what students learned
 - Improvements/adjustments
 - I had not anticipated?

The next lockdown drill is scheduled for Friday, February 7 at 1:25 p.m. The committee discussed the problem with the different philosophies by the professionals who train personnel for active shooter situations. There may not be a right or wrong way. The recommendation is to do the best you can as a situation presents but that by practicing for events there is a foundation for response to different scenarios.

The cable is still an issue with the evacuation from the Ag building. For now, students will exit building by an alternate door.

Hooks have been installed in the woodshop to prevent a trip hazard of backpacks laying around.

Chair Luper presented the committee with a draft student application. Criteria is as follows:

- Able to attend meetings prior to school
- Willing to seek out feedback from students regarding school safety
- An interest in the First Responder Career or Volunteer
- Students must be in good academic standing, be in regular attendance at school, models school appropriate behaviors and citizenship.

Mr. Pearson has mentioned the position to students in his careers class but so far no one has volunteered. He will bring it up again now and again after the new semester starts.

A loss prevention specialist from the ESD 123 will be in district on January 27 in the afternoon.

Accident report forms were discussed. The form is online and is a fillable form so that coaches are able to access when needed. Discussion ensued on adding a date line next to the signature.

Superintendent Johnson had a request from the senior class to rent a van instead of using a bus for the senior class trip. He will check with our insurance carrier but one of the guidelines that schools have is not to use any van that is over 14 passenger.

Risers were discussed. John is still looking into risers that are movable. Cost is a factor.

Superintendent Johnson reported that the elementary play area roof will need to be repaired this summer. There is still levy money left to collect that could be used for this project. This was not an initial priority but now is leaking and a hazard. Cost could be \$45,000 to repair. Solutions are being sought to remedy the problem.

Mr. Johnson reported that Walla Walla Electric will be on campus today to look at exterior door access. A fob or key card to pass in front of an exterior door would be optimal. As it stands now, keys are not always turned in when the facility use ends. This would allow us to turn off or deactivate the individual's fob or card. We will also be

looking at adding more cameras around the district. Due to some issues in the student parking lot, students have asked if we will be getting cameras in these areas. The board is also reviewing who can check out the facilities and if there needs to be a minimum age.

Danon reported that the school zone lights are working. We do not have the capability to change times for late start and early release but they are working at the correct time for a normal school day.

Board member Justin Jaech asked if there was a way to design an entry vestibule in the high school like the one in the elementary.

The next safety committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. in the District Boardroom.

Respectfully submitted,

Jana Eaton
Safety Committee Secretary