

**The Cuero Independent School District
Safety and Security Committee
Cuero ISD Board Room
960 East Broadway
Cuero, TX 77954
Meeting, February 9, 2021 at 11:30 AM**

I. Call To Order

The meeting of the Cuero ISD Safety and Security Committee was called to order by Mrs. Rodriguez on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 11:30 AM in the Cuero ISD Board Room located at 960 East Broadway.

II. Introductions / Attendance

The following members were present:

Jennifer Bauer, Principal; Lieutenant Jerome Hernandez, Cuero Police Department; Kimberly Fleener; Principal; Wanda Hays, District Nurse; Ruby Rodriguez, Coordinator; Dr. Pam Longbotham, Assistant Superintendent; Rhonda Templin, School Resource Officer; Jason Stanley, Assistant Principal; Gene Lasseter, Assistant Principal; Jennifer Dracos, Principal; Dr. Micah Dyer, Superintendent; Oscar Ray, Instructional Technologist Director; Emily Weatherly, Parent; Paul Leal, School Resource Officer.

III. Public Comment

No public comments at this time.

IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Dr. Dyer made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Lasseter. Motion carried.

V. District Audit Report 2017-2020

Mrs. Rodriguez reported the District Audit Report for Cycle 2017-2021 was submitted as required to the Texas State University TX School Safety Center and a copy of the summary was given to Superintendent, Dr. Micah Dyer on October 13, 2020. The safety and security audit report summary found the District and its campuses in compliance. The audit was reported to the Board of Trustees on November 19, 2020.

VI. Campus Drills 2020-2021 Update

Mrs. Rodriguez reported the Commissioner of Education consulted with The TX School Safety Center and updated the school drill guidance to include the SB11 requirements and recommendations during the COVID-19 pandemic. School drills cannot exceed 8 per semester or 18 drills per school year. Mr. McCarter provided a written report Hunt Elementary has completed 2 fire drills with both being smooth and orderly; also conducted a lockdown procedure; and will conduct another lockdown drill before school ends. Mrs. Bauer reported John C. French Elementary staff is working with students on drill procedures and they are improving. Mrs. Dracos reported Cuero Junior High is updating drill procedures; Mr. Raphael would like to pilot ALICE at Junior High and prepare to proactively handle threats. Mr. Lasseter reported Cuero High School is also working on improving drill procedures to make them more smooth and complete in less time.

VII. Senate Bill 11 - District and Campus Behavioral Threat Assessment Teams

Mrs. Rodriguez reported the Safe and Supportive Schools Program data was collected from each campus Behavioral Threat Assessment Team and was reported to the Texas Education Agency as required on November 17, 2020. Cuero High School reported zero threats. Cuero Junior High reported 5 threats; 2 of which were assessed as not posing a risk and not referred for interventions or help; 2 of which were assessed as not posing a risk but referred for intervention or help; and 1 of which posed a risk and referred for interventions or monitoring. John C. French and Hunt Elementary both reported zero threats.

VIII. Human Trafficking Prevention & Awareness Requirements & Mandatory Reporting (TAC § 61.1051)

Mrs. Rodriguez shared the Texas Education Agency released guidance on the new requirements concerning human trafficking prevention and awareness added to policy that governs child abuse and neglect reporting and training. All campuses have been provided with the TEA developed “No, Go, Tell” posters that include the Child Abuse Reporting Hotline website and phone number. The posters have been posted in campus high traffic areas at student eye level.

IX. Sandy Hook Promise - Say Something Training (TX School Safety Center)

Mrs. Rodriguez reported Dr. Dyer and the secondary principals approved for the campus SROs to attend the free Sandy Hook Promise Say Something training being offered virtually by the Texas School Safety Center. This training will help the SROs teach students how to recognize warning signs of potential violence or self-harm and how to safely intervene. This opportunity will also help increase positive engagement with law enforcement and students in both middle and high school. Officer Templin shared she has registered Cuero ISD as a district who will implement the Sandy Hook Promise - Say Something program. She has been working with the Cuero Junior High School Gobbler Ambassador students who received training. They will be the liaisons for the campus and are working on making posters for the hallways. The campus will officially kick off the Sandy Hook Promise - Say Something week on March 22-26.

X. COPS School Violence Prevention Program Grant Award

Mrs. Rodriguez shared Cuero ISD was selected to receive the Department of Justice COPS School Violence Prevention Program grant award in the amount of \$357,271 over a 3-year period. There were a total of 502 applications submitted and 160 were selected. Sixteen school districts were selected in the state of Texas. Grant award funds will be utilized to improve and enhance security at schools and school grounds. Project funding was allocated for the installation of Bullet Resistant Glass, security doors, radios, and video cameras. Quotes have been requested for the installation of bullet resistant glass at the main entrances and cafeterias of all campuses. Vendors are preparing proposals from Glass Doctor (Victoria), Infinity Glass (SA), and East End Glass (SA). Each vendor has noted the cost has increased substantially since last spring when the grant application was submitted.

XI. New Business Update

No new business.

XII. Adjournment

Dr. Dyer made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Hays. Meeting adjourned at 11:57 AM.