

**The Cuero Independent School District
Safety and Security Committee
Cuero ISD Board Room
960 East Broadway
Cuero, TX 77954
Meeting, February 8, 2022 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 8, 2022 at 11:30 AM in the Cuero ISD Conference Room located at 960 East Broadway.

II. Introductions / Attendance

The following members were present:

Wanda Hays, District Nurse; Courtney Schacherl, Elementary Mental Health Counselor; Ruby Rodriguez, SSSP Coordinator; Lieutenant Jerome Hernandez, Cuero Police Department; Dr. Pam Longbotham, Assistant Superintendent; Paul Leal, School Resource Officer; Emily Weatherly, Parent; James McCarter, Assistant Principal; Lacy Timpone, Secondary Mental Health Counselor; Jennifer Dracos, Principal; Jason Stanley, Assistant Principal; Rudy Rocha, Assistant Principal; Bo Daniel, Transportation Director; Dwayne Noack, Facilities Director; Dave Truman, Network Director; Gene Lasseter, Assistant Principal; Heather Stewart, Teacher.

III. Open Forum

No public comments at this time.

IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Daniel made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Dracos. Motion carried.

V. Campus Drills 2021-2022 Update

Mrs. Bauer reported John C. French has completed four fire drills and has an additional drill scheduled. They will complete a lockdown drill in the fall semester. Mr. McCarter reported Hunt Elementary has completed five drills total in 2021 with one lockdown, one hazmat, and three fire drills. Mrs. Dracos reported Jr. High has completed four fire drills to date with a lockdown drill scheduled for 2/22/2022 and a shelter in place drill scheduled for 3/28/2022. Mr. Lasseter reported High School has completed their required fire drills and a reverse lockdown drill; they have a lockdown drill scheduled for 2/22/2022.

VI. Schools Vape Prevention Program Update

Mrs. Dracos reported Jr. High students are using paper towels to mask the scent to prevent detection and slamming bathroom stall doors that causes the vape sensors to detect loud noises. Officer Leal reported the same is happening at High School. He stated when students are caught it is a Class C misdemeanor and if schools punish the students they cannot press charges. Mr. Lasseter reported parents of the students are being contacted. Mrs. Dracos reported Jr. High students are given an out of school suspension for the 1st offense and have to write a paper on the negative effects of vaping.

VII. School Based Law Enforcement and Student Programs Update

Officer Leal reported he has been having positive interactions with students at Hunt Elementary with principal permission; he has a lock-in with High School students scheduled for 3/11/2022. He

would like for campuses to consider SROs having weekly luncheons with students. Mr. Lasseter stated he would get an update on Shattered Dreams from Mrs. Tifani Hilburn.

VIII. Campus Behavioral Threat Assessment Teams Update

Mrs. Rodriguez reported TEA will release the Safe & Supportive Schools Program survey as soon as it has been updated and will create a Google Form for campus safety teams to complete. The survey will be due to TEA by June 20, 2022.

IX. COVID-19 Update

Mrs. Hays reported the number of positive cases continues to decrease; the new virus strand is more like the flu or cold. Staff, students, and parents are encouraged to stay home when feeling ill and to practice good health habits. Two weeks ago there were 88 positive cases and only 14 positive cases last week. They are seeing positive results for Flu A.

X. School Health Advisory Council Update

Mrs. Hays reported the the advisory council is working on on school nutrition, wellness, snack list, and sex education curriculum. The current curriculum is Worth the Wait with Dr. Cody Walthall assisting with the education. The school resource officers will talk with students regarding laws that impact their ages and decisions; there is a very active group this school year.

XI. Mental Health / Social Emotional Services Update

Mrs. Schacherl reported Hunt Elementary is working with Mid-Coast and has a weekly group with 10 sessions for students in grades 2-5 helping them with coping skills and stress. They have 150 students working in small groups.

Mrs. Timpone reported 43 students are receiving mental health / social emotional services at Jr. High with 20 at High School on a regular basis. There are 15 students who have been referred out for services. The Navigate360 online platform for threat assessments is helping them with guiding questions and student safety plans. All campus teams receive updates and are collaborating with Communities In Schools for student support.

XII. New Business Update

No new business.

XIII. Adjournment

Mr. Truman made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Daniel. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.