

**The Cuero Independent School District
Safety and Security Committee
Cuero ISD Board Room
960 East Broadway
Cuero, TX 77954
Meeting, January 24, 2024 at 11:00 AM**

I. Call To Order

The meeting of the Cuero ISD Safety and Security Committee was called to order by Dr. Dyer on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 11:00 AM in the Cuero ISD Board Room located at 960 East Broadway.

II. Introductions / Attendance

The following members were present:

Darrin Stansberry, Assistant Principal, Kim Fleener, Assistant Superintendent, Tami Brzozowski, Parent, James McCarter, Assistant Principal, Oscar Ray, Director of Technology, Jaime Dyer, Principal, Ruby Rodriguez, Director of Special Programs, Wanda Hays, District Nurse, Kathy F. Scott, School Climate Specialist, Courtney Schacherl, School Climate Specialist, Katie Bowen, Principal, Rudy Rocha, Assistant Principal, Steven Ellis, Cuero Police Department, Jessie Hernandez, Cuero Police Department, Jerome Hernandez, Cuero Police Department, Crystal Hamilton, Director of Special Education, Katelin Womack, Transportation Coordinator, Bridgette Cerny, Principal, Micah Dyer, Superintendent, Christopher Olvera, Texas Department of Public Safety, Billy Jordan, DeWitt County EMC, Kelly Phelps, Attendance Officer, Neal Raphael, Assistant Principal.

III. Open Forum

No public comments at this time.

IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mrs. Bowen made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Raphael. Motion carried.

V. 2020-2023 District Audit Report Results / Findings

Dr. Dyer reported that he submitted the 2020-2023 District Audit Report. There were no findings in the audit and no security issues. He stated that copies of the audit report can be sent by email as a PDF attachment, please provide Mrs. Rodriguez with an email address.

VI. Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings for Cuero High School

Dr. Dyer reported that inspectors have been to Cuero High School a total of three times. The first inspection found non-instructional doors that were not secure which was addressed immediately. The following inspections did not have any findings, the campus was secure both times. The district received notification that inspections would take place in January, February, and March of 2024.

VII. Campus Drills Update

Mr. Rocha reported Cuero High School completed a lockdown drill on January 10, 2024, and a fire drill is scheduled for the following week. Mr. Raphael reported that Cuero Jr. High School had 9 drills scheduled this year and has completed 7. The campus has 2 fire drills scheduled for February and March 2024. Mr. McCarter reported that Hunt Elementary scheduled all drills on the calendar, their most recent lockdown drill went very well with their fastest time and zero issues. The campus has 3 drills remaining on the calendar. Dr. Dyer reported that John C. French Elementary has scheduled all of their drills, drills completed have had no findings

VIII. Campus Weekly Exterior Door Sweeps Update

Mr. Rocha reported that Cuero High School sweeps have been completed every week with one completed today January 24, 2024. Mrs. Dyer reported that that Cuero Jr. High School has completed sweeps every week, there have been some non-human factors, work orders were submitted and were fixed quickly, and there were a few human errors at the beginning of the school year which were addressed with the right protocol followed to tend those situations. The past few sweeps have all been clear with no issues, the non-human factors were malfunctioning of doors. Mr. McCarter reported that Hunt Elementary complies with sweeps completed every week. There have been non-human factors such as broken glass that the maintenance team has taken care of quickly. The campus makes announcements periodically reminding staff of safety & security reminders. Dr. Dyer reported that John C. French has also completed weekly door sweeps every week.

IX. Behavioral Threat Assessments Update

Ms. Shacherl reported for December 2023 that Cuero Jr. High School had one assessment, John C. French, Hunt, and High School have had none. There has been one suicide risk assessment at Hunt and Cuero Jr. High for December 2023. There has been a decrease in behavioral threat assessments as compared to last school year

X. Youth Mental Health First Aid Training Update

Mrs. Rodriguez shared Youth Mental Health First Aid Training has been scheduled this summer for staff who have not yet completed the training. Training dates are June 18, 2024, July 10, 2024, and July 30, 2024. This training will count as a 2024-2025 comp day.

XI. Campus Safety Walk-Throughs - First Responders & Emergency Personnel

Dr. Dyer requested for law enforcement and DPS troopers to make sweeps through the campuses regularly and complete radio checks to ensure they have proper communication throughout the buildings for safety and security protocols. Dr. Dyer encouraged first responders and emergency personnel to help our district with safety checks. Law enforcement can contact Dr. Dyer or Mrs. Rodriguez to schedule full campus sweeps. Dr. Dyer also reminded law enforcement that drills and practices can continue and be scheduled at campuses and facilities.

XII. House Bill 3 - Armed Security Update

Dr. Dyer reported the district continues to have two school resource offices provided by the Cuero Police Department. There is currently a lapse right now with one retiring but there is an officer hired who is completing training. Chief Ellis responded that January 30, 2024 will be the SRO's first day. The district is still researching the possibility of having a modified Guardian Program.

XIII. Alyssa's Law - Silent Panic Alert Technology Update

Mr. Ray reported that all district phones now have a 911 push button capability and all buttons are marked on the phones. When the button is pressed, 911 is dialed immediately with an alert notification to the Superintendent's office. Dr. Dyer asked Mr. Jordan and Chief Ellis for an update on the 911 dispatch system equipment upgrade for compatibility with silent alert systems. Dr. Dyer mentioned the district is still having issues with EMS not arriving to the correct addresses when calls are made and providing the physical address. Mr. Jordan stated he would follow up with the County Sheriff's Office for an update.

XIV. Vape Sensors Update

Mrs. Bowen shared that Cuero High School is still working on sorting out the issues with the vape sensors and receiving timely notifications. Mr. Ray stated there are a few issues with the Google system making security changes and 3rd party security for alerts. He is working on making changes to only have email alert notifications and removing SMS alerts (text messages), he is still working on

setting the sensitivity settings. Mrs. Dyer shared the alert notifications they have recently received are from adults vaping during extracurricular activities. More signage will be placed in those areas.

XV. Emergency Medical Services - Signage

Mrs. Hays shared the district has had several situations where emergency medical services (EMS) have been called but are going to the wrong school. She visited with Mr. Solis with EMS to discuss how to prevent arriving at the incorrect locations. He stated a lot of his EMS personnel are from out of town and suggested signage at the street corners. The district has not had any issues before with personnel locating schools. Dr. Dyer said the district can research having way-finder signs. Chief Ellis suggested visiting with 911 dispatch to ensure they are providing the physical addresses to the emergency responders and not just the name of the school; a lot of the new personnel are relying on Google and Apple maps instead of learning where streets and schools are. Mr. Jordan will visit with the Sheriff's Office and dispatch.

XVI. Emergency Operations Plan - Texas School Safety Center Review

Mrs. Rodriguez shared that on January 22, 2024 the district received an email notification from the Texas State - Texas School Safety Center that the Cuero ISD emergency operations plan (EOP) satisfied all of the evaluation criteria of the comprehensive review completed in Fall 2023. A copy of the report can be sent by email to anyone requesting it.

XVII. New Business Update

Dr. Dyer stated additional safety materials are being installed on several Junior High School exterior doors, fencing is being reviewed, and that bids are being considered for the entry-resistance film to be placed strategically. All campus foyers (entryways) are secure with safety materials. Door alarms will be installed strategically to trigger alarm notifications to designated officers and staff. He also shared that campus staff located at the end of hallways periodically check that doors are not propped.

XVIII. Adjournment

Mr. Ray made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Jordan. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.