

McCabe School
Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2021
5:00pm Zoom and Gym Classroom

1. Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting was opened at 5:00 by Armando Lopez. Araceli Alonzo and Alexa Horne attended via Zoom, Dr. Aguilar, Miss Cook, Mrs. Larios, and Mr. Reed attended in person.

Alexa was concerned that the meeting was a Brown Act violation because the meeting had not been properly noticed. Mr. will make sure to properly post the meeting notices for the next safety meeting.

Mr. Lopez said that the School Safety Committee is part of the School Site Council, and he will head up the committee again this year. He assigned Mrs. Horne to take minutes.

2. School Climate and School Preparedness

a. Campus

Hot topics

- Summer school was held and successful.
- Approximately 50 students are learning via Independent Studies from home
- All other students are in-person learning
- About 7 families have not been either in school or distance learning. The office is trying to find these children, possibly they have gone to another school or out of the country

Carline—The first day carline was extremely hectic. The parents/ cars were backed up and the wait was very long. The morning drop-off was difficult because parents are used to taking their children to class on the first day. Approximately 1000 cars were lined up, and the pick-up lasted more than an hour. During the afternoon pickup time, the staff was extremely gracious with all assisting. After discussion among administration, it was decided to return to the original process, with drop offs and pick ups in front. Some McCabe families do stop and walk their students from the back lot still.

The problem still exists that parents park and walk across McCabe Rd. to drop off their children, even stopping in the turn lane and blocking traffic. Administrators are having conversations with families about the safety issues.

We may revisit traffic patterns later in the year. The school spent over \$50,000.00 installing ramps and removing barriers to create pathways for the rear and bus road drop-off and pick-up. Possibly when the weather cools and not as many parents are bringing students to school it will be easier.

Much discussion was held regarding drop off and pick up and whether or not to attempt the first day method considering less cars would be dropping off and picking up. Also, the weather will be nicer for pick up times, and the staging area could be tightened up so have less walking.

Another suggestion was to use the South parking lot to pick up students if were planning to walk up and pick up students. This would allow for less congestion at the front of the school during regular carline pick up.

There were lots of suggestions which await further discussion at another meeting,

Bus Routes—The school employs enough bus drivers for the routes; however when the driver/drivers are out, some routes may be cancelled, then parents must transport the children. Some routes are quite long, and the weather is hot. Drivers allow the windows to be down and provide water for the children.

It was noticed that only one staff member helps the bus drivers load children. Mrs. Horne was (gladly) asked to help support getting Kinder and first graders to the correct bus the afternoon she rode a bus during the 2:00pm route. That afternoon it was 107 degrees outside. Her thermometer during the ride read 104 degrees. The children were very well behaved, and the bus driver works hard to encourage children to keep masks on. The routes are longer in order to drop children on the right side of the bus which eliminates children crossing traffic.

Cafeteria—Following COVID safety procedures, the children in the cafeteria eat with their grade levels and individuals are separated by plastic dividers. The children are assigned spaces in alphabetical order so that cohorts are established. Some children take longer to finish eating, and those children are allowed to finish at a separate table. As the weather cools, the possibility of eating at tables outside will be considered.

Restrooms--A new tic-toc video challenge encourages students to vandalize restrooms and classrooms. Mrs. Alonzo reported that the restrooms in the cafeteria have been vandalized. Mr. Lopez reported that other restrooms on campus have suffered the same fate. The school is considering installing cameras OUTSIDE the restrooms to help discourage and/or catch the students who committed these acts. It was suggested a letter be sent home to parents asking for support and telling the consequences.

3. COVID 19

Positive Cases—The school has had (as of July 16) eleven positive cases: 9 children and 2 adults. Mr. Lopez reported that it can take several hours to complete the paperwork for one identified COVID case. Mr. Lopez shared information from the CDPH on procedures regarding quarantining and testing. McCabe is planning to begin onsite testing after October 15. Staff without the vaccines will be required to be tested once a week.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held October 14, at 5:00pm, via Zoom and in-person.

Mrs. Horne made the motion and Miss Cook/ Dr. Aguilar seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6:15pm. The vote was unanimous.