

McCabe School
Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2021
5:00pm Zoom and Gym Classroom

1. Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting was opened at 5:02 by Armando Lopez. Dr. Aguilar attended via Zoom, Mrs. Larios, and Mrs. Dubbe attended in person.

2. School Climate and School Preparedness

a. Campus

Car Line – Mr. Lopez discussed several safety concerns and asked for any ideas for the car lines for both morning and afternoon drop off and pickups. Mr. Lopez witnessed 10-15 illegal U-turns in the morning during drop off. Approximately 5 of those were close calls. Mr. Lopez also witnessed approximately 3 vehicles parked across the street and parents and students crossing a very busy street. Mr. Lopez discussed several other options and brought forth the idea of using the south parking lot to drop off students. Several alternative drop off and pick up locations were discussed and the need for buses to be able to drive into our lot and have access to pick up and drop off students. Another concern is with students darting through vehicles in the afternoon to access a parked car on the opposite side of the road.

Mrs. Dubbe mentioned that we will be sending communication to parents via School Messenger to remind them about traffic safety and awareness. She also mentioned a transportation training given by Mr. Delgado where he mentioned drivers' concerns over the very narrow pathway for buses on McCabe Rd. and the safety of the students running across the street. Mr. Lopez mentioned that the car lines were moving quickly and running smoothly. Families seem to be very pleased. Dr. Aguilar also agreed that he has seen the dangers with the buses trying to navigate through busy traffic in the morning drop off. Mr. Lopez suggested re-routing traffic to Forrester Rd. as an alternative. Mrs. Dubbe also mentioned the possibility of re-routing traffic from Ross to Forrester to avoid U-turns. Mr. Lopez mentioned he would be monitoring and counting cars that park for student pickup. Dr. Aguilar asked whether the south lot exits through Austin Rd.

b. COVID-19

- Ms. Cecy Hernandez is doing an amazing job with communication and support to our entire team and our families. Weekly testing is being implemented and 90% of our eligible staff has been tested in the first couple of days.
- Short-term Independent Study will begin 10/18/21 to capture attendance for those students who are on quarantine or isolation.

3. Compliance Checklist for a Comprehensive School Safety Plan Review

Mr. Lopez explained that our Safety Plan is approved every February and is considered a 2 year plan. We will be updating COVID guidelines to reflect current regulations and review our safety procedures and checklists.

4. 2021-2022 School Safety Plan

a. Goals

- Mr. Lopez reviewed Goal 1 and asked whether revisions are needed or whether we should keep what we currently have on the plan. He mentioned that parents are invited to attend various trainings and this year he suggested that we should include safety with social media. Dr. Aguilar asked what the school's responsibility was with regards to social media. Mr. Lopez replied that it all depends on the violation or whether it impacts other students. Mrs. Dubbe would also like for Suicide Prevention to be a topic for parent night presentation. She also suggested we keep Goal 1 as is. There is a value in continuing with the basics and emergency procedures; especially with all the new staff training. Dr. Aguilar had concerns over the TikTok challenges and asked whether we were aware of any future challenges that can affect our students and staff. Mr. Lopez has attained a list of challenges and informed staff to be on the lookout. We have had incidents of bathroom vandalism and one incident with a student smacking a teacher. Mr. Lopez stated that there will be more presence of administration on campus so that students know you are being proactive and being observant of their behavior. Goal 2 was discussed by Mr. Lopez. He mentioned that he has been unable to implement the lunch period activities due to a lack of staffing. Monthly digital citizenship will begin next month. Dr. Aguilar mentioned that we should also keep Goal 2 as is.
- Discussion by Mr. Lopez on what section of the Safety Plan will be revisited at our next meeting. Compliance section will be reviewed and updated; Section 2 through page 21. Mr. Lopez concluded by mentioning that our Safety Plan is comprised of Board Policy.

5. Next Meeting

Mr. Lopez commented that last month's safety meeting minutes, were inadvertently left off the current agenda, but will be added to our next agenda to be held on November 18th @ 5:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.