

Minutes September 16, 2020
Crisis Management Team Regular Meeting
Waxahachie Independent School District

The Crisis Management Team of the Waxahachie Independent School District met on September 16, 2020, for a Regular Meeting. With a quorum present, Deputy Superintendent Lee Auvenshine called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Members present: David Averett, Lisa Mott, Kam Bridgers, Mikel Craig, Dusty Autrey, Kim Kriegel, John Rodgers, Jenny Bridges, Philip Gurke, Jenni McLemore, Ryan Kahlden, Thomas Griffith, Raul Gomez, Melissa Bousquet, Wade Goolsby, Josh Oliver, Kate Authier, Jacob Perry, Ginger Robinson, and Lyssa Ridlehuber.

Jenny Bridges made a motion for approval of Minutes from the previous meeting. Jacob Perry seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items:

- Discussion of continued development of SRO program and security team under the leadership of Waxahachie Police Department Lt. Josh Oliver – the school year has started out great, security officers are adapting and overcoming the changes that have been put in place; currently working on balancing security presence at sporting events and campuses
- Discussion of progress regarding action plan to address concerns raised in the 2020 tri-annual security audit – district in final stages of getting all crossing guard positions filled-fingerprint company is backlogged which is causing a delay; working on improvements to radio issues; working on pickup/drop off procedures at all campuses and getting school zone signs for Simpson Elementary
- Discussion of implementation of DIR-S Active Shooter/Crisis Communication App – Kyle Beller & Mark Vogel of BAT Security present to discuss app; it was created for teachers to use in an emergency/crisis situation as an additional communication tool; does not replace standard district emergency procedures; program is almost ready to roll out-principals to receive training at the Principals Meeting Sept. 17. with training for teachers and staff coming soon thereafter
- Discussion regarding behavior threat assessment procedures – required by the state to implement a Behavior Threat Assessment Team which will be led by Jacob Perry & Ginger Robinson; will consist of district level and campus level groups; some behaviors that will be screened: engaging in violence, threatening violence, veiled threats, bringing a weapon to school, bullying, decline in performance, etc.
- Discussion of updates to the District’s multi-hazard operations plan – TX School Safety Center keeps eyes on district plans to ensure all information is given correctly – currently they have helped develop additional parts to the plan; District will add more annexes to the plan as templates and information is provided from TX School Safety Center
- Discussion of WISD’s response to COVID and update regarding current conditions – the district as a whole is doing well – staff and students are adhering to the mask policy and being compliant 99% of the time; we are approaching 20 cases in the district since school start Aug. 17 – all but 1 case has been from outside exposure; trends in the county are currently declining

The committee did not convene into closed session during this meeting.

Questions fielded during the meeting:

Q: Has there been any information given regarding the traffic study at WHS?

A: No, there has not been any information from TxDot currently.

Q: Is there a security officer on every campus during the school day?

A: Yes, there is a security officer on every campus during the school day.

Q: Do we have predetermined sites in the event of campus evacuations?

A: Yes, the district does have predetermined sites around campuses in the event of evacuations.

Q: Is Melissa Bousquet the only one to do contact tracing?

A: No, principals and campus nurses also help in investigating contact tracing as well as the use of security cameras.

Q: Has there been any problems with kindergarten, first grade and second graders with COVID because they are not required to wear masks?

A: Not really. That age group is being strongly encouraged to wear a mask anyway, and parents have their children wear masks.

Philip Gurke made a motion to adjourn. Kim Kriegel seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Notice of Regular Meeting of the WISD Crisis Management Team

Waxahachie ISD Crisis Management Team

The role of the District Crisis Management Team is to maintain and update the District Crisis Management Plan, ensure all required staff complete required training, provide tabletop drills on a regular basis, debrief and evaluate district and campus crisis response, provide leadership and support for campus staff, and provide and maintain crisis plans for all staff aligned with the District Crisis Management Plan. The District Crisis Management Team serves as the School Safety and Security Committee in compliance with Section 37.109 of the Education Code.

A meeting of the Waxahachie ISD Crisis Management Team will be held on September 16, 2020, beginning at 11:30 AM in the boardroom of the Waxahachie ISD Administration Building located at 411 N. Gibson Street, Waxahachie, TX 75165. Please be aware that we are still required to practice social distancing. Accordingly, all seating will be spaced six feet apart and only limited seating will be available for the public in the Boardroom.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or acted upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice agenda.

- A. CALL TO ORDER.
 - 1. Announcement by presiding officer that a quorum is present, that the meeting has been duly called, and that notice of the meeting has been duly posted for time and manner required by law.
 - 2. Consideration and approval of Minutes from previous meeting.
- B. DISCUSSION ITEMS.
 - 1. Discussion of continued development of SRO program and security team under the leadership of Waxahachie Police Department Lt. Josh Oliver.
 - 2. Discussion of progress regarding action plan to address concerns raised in the 2020 tri-annual security audit.
 - 3. Discussion of implementation of DIR-S Active Shooter/Crisis Communication App.
 - 4. Discussion regarding behavior threat assessment procedures required under Section 37.115(c) of the Education Code.
 - 5. Discussion of updates to the District's multi-hazard operations plan.
 - 6. Discussion of WISD's response to COVID and update regarding current conditions.
- C. CLOSED SESSION.
 - 1. Pursuant to Section 551.076 of the Government Code, the District Crisis Management Team will deliberate:
 - a. the deployment, and specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel and devices, in general and specifically in relation to the district's multi-hazard emergency operations plan (Crisis Management Plan) under 37.108 (a) of the Education Code; and
 - b. the 2020 tri-annual security audit of the district's facilities required under Section 37.108 (b) of the Education Code.
- D. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION.
 - 1. Discussion and possible action to approve any items recommended in closed session.
- E. ADJOURN.

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