

Minutes November 11, 2020
Crisis Management Team Regular Meeting
Waxahachie Independent School District

The Crisis Management Team of the Waxahachie Independent School District met on November 11, 2020, for a Regular Meeting. With a quorum present, Deputy Superintendent Lee Auvenshine called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. with a brief recess called at 11:31 a.m. to allow for members to eat lunch. Return from recess at 11:45 a.m. Members present: David Averett, Lisa Mott, Kam Bridgers, John Rodgers, Jenny Bridges, Philip Gurke, Jenni McLemore, Ryan Kahlden, Thomas Griffith, Raul Gomez, Melissa Bousquet, Josh Oliver, Kate Authier, Jacob Perry, Ginger Robinson, Chrissy Colwell, Brandy Pustejovsky, and Lyssa Ridlehuber.

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

Discussion Items:

- Discussion regarding traffic concerns and school zone signage at campuses – most people want flashing light beacons for school zones but those are mainly on roads that are maintained by TxDot; school zone signs can't be put up until traffic engineering study is done.
 - WHS traffic flow – main concern is traffic exiting off of 287 Highway that has to go under the bridge and traffic backing up on the highway – there is someone at the stop sign to direct traffic to try and keep it from backing up onto the high – district has requested from TxDot to put in a U-turn lane to assist with traffic issues.
 - There are more traffic tickets being given in school zone areas without flashing lights.
- Discussion regarding updates to campus emergency evacuation sites – the majority of the campuses had evacuation sites and those that didn't do now – main confusion is whether an annual MOU needs to be done – Lt. Oliver revamped the agreement that was currently being used to include year-to-year usage unless notice was given by the district of the facility of evacuation to discontinue the agreement
- Discussion of continued development of SRO program and security team under the leadership of Waxahachie Police Department Lt. Josh Oliver – several marshals just completed recertification that is required every 2 years – memo sent to principals discerning the job duties of an SRO and campus security – students carrying vape pens is on the rise and happening as early as 6th grade – security is continuing random wandings as students come in the doors
- Update regarding implementation of DIR-S Active Shooter/Crisis Communication App – program is being setup on staff computers to where when staff logs in the application starts as well and runs in the background – hope is for the program to go live Dec. 1 – currently trying to do “Train the Trainer” for each campus but there is not a lot of time to get full campus trained by Dec. 1
- Discussion of updates to the District's multi-hazard operations plan – Lt. Oliver and Thomas Griffith (Ellis County Emergency Management) are working together to create Hazard Analysis Worksheets for each campus to assess what to do if emergency takes place
- Discussion of WISD's response to COVID and update regarding current conditions – panic is rising because case numbers are rising – we are currently at a substantial level as a district – looking at plans to limit spectators at indoor sports – there are some districts within the DFW area that are cancelling sporting events completely and WISD does not want to do that – local hospital (at time of meeting 11/10) had COVID patient rate over 20% which is the highest rate yet – by and large scope of problem is that the positive cases are coming from the households and not school

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

Questions fielded during the meeting:

Q: What happens if multiple campuses have to evacuate because of an emergency?

A: We do have access to other large locations through the city in the event something big happens that affects multiple schools.

Q: Is there a place the district has online for a parent to see cumulative number of cases per campus?

A: District does maintain the COVID Dashboard that shows active number of cases per campus, then a cumulative number of cases for the district since Aug. 17th. TEA's website also shows cumulative numbers but has been determined to be off by a little.

Kate Authier made a motion to adjourn. Tonya Harris seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:48 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 November 11, 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 regarding traffic concerns and school zone signage at campuses.
 - 2. Discussion regarding updates to campus emergency evacuation sites.
 - 3. Discussion of continued development of SRO program and security team under the leadership of Waxahachie Police Department Lt. Josh Oliver.
 - 4. Update regarding implementation of DIR-S Active Shooter/Crisis Communication App.
 - 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.

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on: *November 6, 2020*
8:55 A.M.

For the District Crisis Management Team

