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# Galena Park ISD

## School Safety and Security Committee Meeting

Wednesday 05.08.2024

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### Attendees

Dr. John Moore, *GPISD Superintendent*

Bryan Clements, *GPISD Exec. Director for Security & Technology/Chief of Police*

Brian Allen, *GPISD Senior Director for Security & Emergency Management*

Janet Ramirez, *Secretary, GPISD Senior Director for Security & Emergency Management*

Ken Jones, *Sergeant, Harris County Pct. 3 Constable's Office*

Mark McGinnis, *Lieutenant, Harris County Pct. 2 Constable's Office*

Linda Sherrard, *GPISD Board Member*

Dr. Shaunte Morris, *Principal, Cunningham Middle*

Angelica Cuellar, *Assistant Principal, Pyburn Elementary*

Tom Ehlers, *Fire Chief, Galena Park Fire Department*

Michael Wilson, *Assistant Chief, Galena Park PD*

Lon Squyres, *City Manager & Emergency Coordinator for City of Jacinto City*

Ida Rocha, *Parent & Volunteer for GPISD*

Diana Williams, *Community Advocate & Parent*

The third meeting of the 2023-2024 school year was called to order by Bryan Clements at 8:30 AM at the Galena Park ISD (GPISD) Administration Building in Q107, Boardroom.

This meeting is mandated by *Texas Education Code 37.109. (a) In accordance with guidelines established by the Texas School Safety Center, each school district shall establish a school safety and security committee.*

Welcome, and introductions followed.

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## Minutes

1. **WELCOME** – Bryan Clements opened the meeting, welcomed everyone, and introduced himself, and Superintendent Dr. John Moore. Dr. Moore thanked and welcomed everyone for attending the meeting and briefly spoke about GPISD earning the 2024 H-E-B Excellence in Education Large School District Award and the passing of the 2024 Bond.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**- There were no public comments.
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL MINUTES OF MEETING**- Ida Rocha motioned to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2024, meeting as distributed. The motion was seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.
4. **INTRUDER DETECTION AUDITS**- TEA and Region IV have begun their audits, GPISD has had twenty two intruder audits and all have passed. Brian Allen discussed the requirements that a district has to do if any of these audits are failed. The goal for the auditor is to check a minimum of three exterior doors and then turn themselves into the front office. Then they are asked to sign in, provide a Texas driver's license, Raptored in, and receive a visitors badge. They then go into the building and continue to check exterior doors and check a minimum of eight interior doors to make sure where students occupied classrooms that the doors are not unlocked.
5. **2022-2025 SCHOOL SAFETY STANDARDS GRANT**- GPISD was awarded \$954,208 for the School Safety Standard Grant. The safety film around the entrances with glass doors will be the top priority of this grant. Safety film is not bulletproof, but it keeps the glass from shattering and falling out, and allowing entry. The grant states that glass behind fencing that is at least six feet tall and meeting other requirements does not need safety film. The project has already been reviewed by GPISD, submitted for bid, and received approval from the Board. The project's total cost for the entire district is just under five hundred thousand dollars. The committee will discuss how to increase safety in the district using the remaining money. Money can be used on fencing, exterior doors, vestibules, glass doors not in a secure area, and ground exterior windows. Once we have met the minimum requirements of securing the glass, we have options on what we can do with the remaining money. Security cameras, replacement of old security cameras and equipment, communication systems, district peace officers, active shooter training, emergency response training, and prevention identification are allowable with the remainder of the money.

Bryan Clements spoke about the things that GPISD would like to spend the additional money on, like artificial intelligence cameras, and all the features that can be used and how it can be beneficial to have this technology in the district. Dr. Shantue Morris questioned clarification on what part of her campus would receive window film since her campus has fencing all around. Brian Allen mentioned that part of the funds from this grant will be used for fencing projects. Bryan Clements stated that Cloverleaf and Pyburn can become the model of what we can look at looking forward in the district to add the additional layers of security. The committee was asked for input of what they think the money should be spent on, Community Advocate & Parent, Diana Williams questioned the signal boosters that were mentioned perviously. Bryan Clements discussed how some campuses like Northshore Elementary or Northshore 10th Grade have no cell phone signal in their buildings due to the insulation that was used when the buildings were built. These boosters would help get a stronger cell phone signal, he also stated that the district is required to do testing for our radio transmission for first responders and all of our campuses have passed.

6. **EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANS/CYBERSECURITY ANNEX-** Texas School Safety Center requires the school district to submit the Emergency Operations Plan but in the last few years they are also requiring a specific annex to be submitted along with it. The annex that is required this school year is Cybersecurity. Brian Allen stated that he has met with the technology team to get the information that is needed to prepare the document before the submission due date. As of today May 8, 2024 he is 95% complete and will work to finish before the submission date of September 25, 2024.
7. **ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT RAPID RESPONSE TRAINING-** Texas requires all peace officers in Texas to complete at least 16 hours of Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) active shooter training every two years. Bryan Clements stated that the district is doing a class in the summer that's called ALERRT Train the trainer to make sure that the district has trained instructors within our district as well. The district will also have two ALERRT classes to make sure that everybody we have is up-to-date with the requirements. The district also works with neighboring agencies to fit in any officers that need to be trained.
8. **EMERGENCY RESPONSE MAPS AND WALKTHROUGH CERTIFICATION-** The school district must provide emergency response maps to the Department of Public Safety, law enforcement and first responder agencies. These maps must be up-to-date, accurate and include site and floor plans. Brian Allen stated that he submitted these

in the beginning of April, and they were accepted. It also has to be documented in the Emergency Operations Plan with the submission date and who it was received by. Brian Allen will be contacting our local agencies to coordinate walkthroughs as part of the documented requirements before the September submission deadline.

9. **MEMBER OBSERVATIONS, CONCERNS & EXPECTATIONS-** Mark McGinnis, Lieutenant, Harris County Pct. 2 Constable's Office, made a comment about ALERRT training and how school based law enforcement had to adapt and grow into that training, practice, and implement it. Tom Ehlers, Fire Chief, Galena Park Fire Department made a comment regarding a petroleum company in the City of Galena Park that could possibly start shipping a product that could be hazardous if an incident occurs. He wanted to make sure the school district was aware and to let the district know that he has been working with Harris County Homeland Security, and other local agencies to get the process started with safety procedures so when the product starts shipping everyone is prepared. Linda Sherrard, GPISD Board Member questioned if the community was already made aware of this and what procedures would be put in place if this product does begin shipping. Tom Ehlers, Fire Chief, Galena Park Fire Department stated that he will continue to work with local agencies and keep the district up to date with this topic.
10. **UPCOMING EVENTS-** The next School Safety & Security Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 8:30 AM.
11. **ADJOURN-** Bryan Clements thanked everyone for their support and collaboration in helping GPISD keep our schools and communities safe and secure. The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully,

Janet Ramirez

Secretary to Brian K. Allen, Senior Director for Security & Emergency Management