
Galena Park ISD

School Safety and Security Committee Meeting

Tuesday 08.06.2024

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*

Joshua Crumedy, *Sergeant, Harris County Pct. 3 Constable's Office*

Paul Rodela, *Sergeant, Harris County Pct. 2 Constable's Office*

Arnold Magana, *Lieutenant, Harris County Pct. 2 Constable's Office*

Eddie Cano, *Corporal, Harris County Pct. 2 Constable's Office*

Yahaira Moreno, *Corporal, Harris County Pct. 2 Constable's Office*

Norma Hernandez, *GPISD Board Member*

Jose Jimenez, *GPISD Board Member*

Amicha Williams, *GPISD Exec. Director for Business Support Services*

Ben Pape, *GPISD Chief Financial Officer*

Dr. Rebecca "Becky" Gardea, *Principal, Jacinto City Elementary*

Dr. Shaunte Morris, *Principal, Cunningham Middle*

Irene Benzor, *Principal, Galena Park Elementary*

Matt Day, *Assistant Principal, Cunningham Middle*

Angelica Cuellar, *Assistant Principal, Pyburn Elementary*

Michael Wilson, *Assistant Chief, Galena Park PD*

Henry Bonaparte, *Captain, Galena Park PD*

Ida Rocha, *Parent & Volunteer for GPISD*

Diana Williams, *Community Advocate & Parent*

Sean Hayes, *Supervisor, Harris County ESD 6*

David Wade, *Operations Supervisor, Harris County Office of Emergency Management*

Marshal Hutton, *Assistant Chief, Harris County ESD 12*

Joe Ayala, *Chief, Jacinto City PD*

Mark Longrigg, *Captain, Jacinto City PD*

Brett Conaway, *Incident Liaison, Harris County Homeland Security Emergency Management*

Bubba Coxie, *Incident Liaison, Harris County Homeland Security Emergency Management*

Rick Taylor, *End User Consultant, Dormakaba*

Erin Wilson, *Manager Influencer Education, Dormakaba*

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.

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 being selected by the state for the District Vulnerability Assessment. (DVA)
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**- There were no public comments.
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL MINUTES OF MEETING**- Ida Rocha motioned to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2024, meeting as distributed. The motion was seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.
4. **INTRUDER DETECTION AUDITS**- TEA and Region IV have completed audits for the school year, GPISD has had twenty-two intruder audits and all have passed with zero findings. Brian Allen discussed the requirements that a district has to meet 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 doors are not unlocked.
5. **2022-2025 SCHOOL SAFETY STANDARDS GRANT**- GPISD was awarded \$954,208 for the School Safety Standard Grant for the first cycle and \$653,668 for the second

cycle. 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 meets other requirements does not need safety film. The installation of the film has already begun across the district, and plans are for it to be complete by December 2024. Bryan Clements explained how the film is installed, GPISD will also be adding film to any glass that is adjacent to doors and not behind a fence that is at least six feet tall. Once we have met the minimum requirements of securing the glass, we will have options on what we can do with the remaining money and the committee will get to discuss how to increase safety in the district using the remaining funds. He mentioned a few examples of allowable items like fencing, security cameras, and communication systems. Bryan Clements spoke about using some of those funds to add additional fencing to some of our campuses. He mentioned how fencing will be one of the things that we will use a portion of the money for, Pyburn was referenced as a model of how GPISD would like to secure our schools with regards to fencing.

6. **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 put on a Train the Trainer class this summer to ensure the district has trained instructors within our district from Precinct 3 and Precinct 2 contracts. They are now able to put on their own classes not just for our officers but also for their departments. 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.
7. **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, and accurate and include site and floor plans. Brian Allen stated that he submitted these at 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 stated that the district is currently working with a company called Critical Response Group to update our maps. This project is being funded by the School Safety Standard Grant and is expected to be completed by December. David Wade questioned if campuses have a hard copy available for law enforcement in case of an emergency or if they are in a certain location at the front

office. Bryan Clements stated that every campus should have one available at the front office. Bryan Clements and Brian Allen spoke about the District Vulnerability Assessment (DVA) and the requirements that the district is required to do in one assessment document. The process incorporates the district audit report, which is our three-year audit cycle where we do all of our elementary campuses one year, all of our secondary schools the next, and then all of our support facilities. The DVA also reviews the district's emergency operations plans and the annexes in those plans like cybersecurity and behavioral threat assessments.

8. **MEMBER OBSERVATIONS, CONCERNS & EXPECTATIONS-** Michael Wilson, spoke a little about the things in the media in regard to the Santa Fe shooting and the parents being on trial. He stated how there are so many resources and professionals with tools that can maybe intervene at an early age to help prevent some situations. Bryan Clements questioned who in the committee knew what behavioral threat assessments were. He stated there is a multidisciplinary committee on every campus in the district that anytime a threat is made there is a process they go through to determine if it is a threat or not and if it needs to be escalated to a district level. The question was asked if the district is still participating in the Handle with Care program and Bryan Clements stated that we are but we have not received many notices. The district partnered with Region 11 out of Fort Worth for this program. If law enforcement receives a call and there is a school-age child that has witnessed some kind of trauma whether the child was assaulted or witnessed something the officers have a simple form they can go to and put in some simple information like name and school district. The form will then route to the district in an email which is labeled handle with care and then can be sent to the principal and counselors to keep an eye out on the student.
9. **UPCOMING EVENTS-** The next School Safety & Security Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 8:30 AM.
10. **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 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully,

Janet Ramirez

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