School Safety Advisory Committee
June 6, 2013
ESD 171 - Wenatchee
NOTES

PRESENT: Frank Hewins, Chair; Nancy Bernard; Paul Harrison; Sheller Seslar; Mike Lynch; Lisa Skinner; Bruce Kuennen; Dermott Murphy; Mike Donlin.
K20: Scott LeBar; Chuck Goodwin; Randy Town; Sara Hoover; Bob McMullen.

Frank Hewins opened the meeting at 9:00 and welcomed everyone to ESD 171 in Wenatchee. The Committee briefly reviewed the notes from our May 2 meeting. Bruce moved and Shelley 2nd-ed approval. The notes were unanimously approved.

There were several brief updates:
1. As per our last meeting, the “draft” wording / watermark was removed from the Safety Advisory Committee Position Statement;
2. Several questions have been recommended to the HYS committee on issues related to school safety: HIB, Gang activity in Schools, and Cyberbullying/Digital Safety. The Gang-related questions are taken directly from the Yakima Co. survey which Randy oversaw. There is no guarantee that they will all be accepted; however, we hope that some of each set will be included in the next HYS.
3. The Anti HIB Work Group small planning group will hold a meeting on June 18 at OSPI to plan next steps for the Work Group.
4. Randy and Mike D. are looking for a date to plan for the next Gangs in Schools Task Force meeting.
5. The OSPI Student Support division is doing preliminary planning work for a 2014 conference following the successful conference in Ellensburg in May.
6. The 2013 Behavior & Weapons Reporting bulletin and Users’ Guide are done and should be out imminently. The process for Behavior, Weapons and HIB reporting is different this year in that all the data is pre-populated through CEDARS and will require only verification from districts.
7. Barbara Thurman is working on the 2013 Great WA Shake Out: October 17 at 10:17 a.m. If you and/or your district or organization have not yet registered, now is the time!
8. Barbara and EMD have also prepared a media release containing the (same) definitions for lockdown, and shelter-in-place. The issue is not that these have changed; rather it’s the importance of media using the correct terms when events take place.
9. Linda Crerar had earlier sent information on the State of the State: Journey Towards Assessing Homeland Security Emergency Management Education, an event to be held at Highline Community College this month.

The core of the meeting was planning for the coming months and year. Throughout the meeting, it was noted that the Safety Corps concept was not discussed or funded. However, the Legislature did identify this Committee in several pieces of Legislation and did give us specific work to do.
1. Dates: The group looked over the proposed dates for our 2013-2014 meetings. These dates are based on the same times of the month as this current year’s meetings: The first Thursday of each month, with the exception of January 2014, which will be the 2nd Thursday. There will be no July and no September meetings planned. Meeting times will continue to be from 9:00 – noon.

2. We also discussed the location of the meetings. In 2012-2013, the Committee traveled around the state to 8 of the 9 ESD’s. Although it was excellent to visit the ESD’s, it made it hard for consistent, physical participation. K20 was useful, with several people participating via K20 each month. However, traveling and K20 did make it difficult for consistent – and sometimes for practical - participation. This was especially true as we consider Legislator participation. The Committee opted to reduce travel for the coming year and to plan meetings closer to Olympia. Mike will check with OSPI, ESD 113, and one or two other locations relatively close to Olympia.

   In the meantime, it was suggested that we make personal contact with Committee members to invite and reengage them for 2013-2014.

3. Bob suggested aligning our meetings and legislative tasks. Thus, in addition to dates and locations, we also discussed the fact that there are several other time constraints on us:
   a. Legislation and legislative deadlines,
   b. Other meetings which people are required or expected to attend, and
   c. Conferences and trainings relative to school safety.

   Mike will begin to expand our meeting calendar to reflect some of these other activities.

   (Attached)

   Please send Mike any relevant dates or other information.

4. The Committee had said that one of the things we need to do is to revisit and update current safety planning documents and processes already in place. In addition, new legislation requires some new pieces to that safety planning.

   Bruce noted that the School Safety Planning Manual is a good document! The easiest way to update it might well be to simply take sections and go over them to see where they need updating. There will be dates and names to change, but much of the rest of the content may not need much changing.

   HB 1336 deals with troubled youth in schools. It calls for Safety Center & Safety Advisory to set up a temporary Task Force and to update & provide model plans and resources for screening & response to emotional/behavioral distress and suicide prevention. We have to develop a model plan for recognition, screening and response by February 1, 2014.

   Two new pieces of legislation speak directly to safe school building / campus planning. SB 5197 requires the Advisory Committee to develop model policy & strategies for emergency response systems. There is a Legislative Report due on December 1, 2013, and subsequently post model policies, plans and recommendations on the Safety Center web page.
It was noted that both law enforcement and risk managers should be included in work around both of these bills.

**ESB 5620** changes the required numbers of various safety / evacuation drills which schools must practice throughout the year. Although the drills are not new, per se, the Committee will have to help district understand the new requirements.

Along with conversation around the above, there was also a brief discussion around District level Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP). There is no requirement for districts to have COOP plans; however, such plans would be essential in case of a catastrophic event such as an earthquake, tsunami or eruption. There is a [pan-flu-specific start to COOP](#) planning under the pan-flu links on the safety Center page. In addition, there was also some conversation around the development of [dark websites](#) for use in emergencies.

Several other bills have relevance to the work of this committee: **SB 5563** – requiring sexual abuse staff training resources; **HB 1397** requiring sexual health and related CSEC, education, and **SB 5669**, related to human trafficking and CSEC. The trafficking and CSEC relate to HIB, Gangs in Schools and cyberbullying/digital safety training and resources. Additional bills may further impact the work of the Committee, if passed: **SB 5244 / SB 5901** relate to suspensions and expulsions, new data gathering requirements and 4 new discipline categories by December 1, 2013. It requires WSSDA to create new model discipline policy by May 1, 2014.

**SB 5735** updates notification requirements around [Juvenile Sex Offenders in Schools](#). If passed, there would be a September 1, 2013 posting deadline on the Safety Center site for new policy and guidance.

The Safety Advisory Committee will focus on specific action planning at the August 1 meeting at Franklin Pierce School District.

Following these discussions, issues close to ESD 171 were discussed. Mike Lynch noted that suicides in Chelan and Douglas Counties had increased 37% in recent years. He did note, however, that they were down for this current year, fortunately. As a result, he has been involved in a lot of suicide prevention policy and training. Mike said that one of the training programs which was being used was from the [QPR Institute](#) out of Spokane. (QPR stands for question, persuade, refer.) He also said that the [YSPP curricula](#) were being used in some schools, and that YSPP had done some training through the ESD.

Shelley also said that there was a need for bullying prevention training. She was interested in the Compliance Officer training which had taken place in April at LWSD. Mike D. noted that that was the first of a series of first-round C.O. trainings, and that it focused more on being a Compliance Officer than on actual bullying prevention. Subsequent trainings will be more bullying-specific.

Upcoming events:
1. Randy: SRO Training at CJTC – June 18-19;
2. Randy & Bruce: Active Shooter in Zillah – June 10;

In addition:
4. Bruce noted that he is getting more calls from private schools than before. He is costing out
   the cost of mapping for approx. 600+ non-pubs in WA.
5. Frank and Bruce also had a brief discussion around Rapid Responder and the Pierce Co.
   system. Unfortunately, they still cannot talk to one another, requiring double entry of data if
   a school uses both.
6. There was the question of possibly asking Marci Scott to do a “lessons learned” session from
   the recent Eatonville active shooter emergency drill. Mike will check with Marci.

In closing:
1. Invite Committee members to invite them to physically reengage for 2013-2014.
2. Send Mike any relevant conference, meeting, training dates and/or other 2013-2014
   information. (A very preliminary starter is attached.)
3. Mike will check with Marci re: a lessons learned presentation.
4. Mark your calendar for August 1 at Franklin Pierce School District.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20.