School Safety Advisory Committee
March 6, 2014
OSPI - Annex
9:00 – Noon

Present: Frank Hewins, Chair; Randy Town; Tim Garchow; Greg Lynch; Bob Graham; Barbara Thurman; Rosanne Garrand; Robert Dengel; Scott Black; Bruce Kuennen; Katie Gillespie; Pegi McEvoy; Nancy Bernard; Mike Donlin.
K-20: Larry Davison; Paul Harrison.

Chair Frank Hewins welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 9:00.

Mike gave a few updates:

a. The Behavior and the Weapons and Schools data reports have been posted on the Safety Center site;
b. Work is continuing on HB 1291 and SB 5563, both of which address human trafficking, sex trafficking and, in particular, commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC). The next 5563 Task Force meeting will be on April 8; the next Statewide Committee (1291) meeting is in September.
c. OSPI had a visit from a group of university students and two of their professors from Japan. Thanks to both Barbara and Frank for their time in talking to the group about school safety issues and what we are doing to address them.
d. There was a discussion of the background and status of the wifi survey and feedback process. As it turned out, nobody on the SSAC had been aware that there was a question, or any study being done – and no one had received the request for comment which Mike had sent out earlier on Feb. 2nd.

Following the updates, there was a brief discussion of SSB 6439 which would readdress anti HIB efforts and require training for HIB Compliance Officers. There was also discussion around the inclusion of “emotional” harm into the definition and “hazing” into the trainings.

Robert and Scott updated the group on the status of safety grants through SB 5197. Scott noted that, as of the meeting date, Facilities had not received many grant applications, although they had had conversations with several schools and districts indicating that there were grant applications in the works. Robert and Scott responded to questions from the committee members:

a. Yes, it would be OK to include planning activities into the grant applications.
b. Several districts have indicated that “they” were applying, but all the applications were school-based and would be scored on a school-by-school basis.
c. For a district to copy and paste basic information from one application into other schools’ applications from that district was fine – a very good idea.
d. Can an LEA refuse funding for a school or schools if not all of its schools receive funding? TBD.
e. There was some conversation about liability issues if one school applies and/or receives funding and another school in the same district does not. This might be a question for our Legal office.
In addition to the questions, there was also conversation around lessons learned, and recommendations to make to the legislature if there is a Round 2 of such funding. These will be summarized once the current process is completed.

One question which had come up was a question on the availability of model policy / protocol / procedure around the use of electronic locking / lockdown mechanisms. Currently, there are none as this is an emerging and evolving issue. It was suggested that Mike contact Zack Walker to see if he has seen or heard of anything from the people he has worked with. Mike will check.

Robert gave the group a quick update on the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning grant activity. The result of the work on this project will provide some excellent information for districts and schools across the state and help schools build their own plans.

Bruce, Randy, Bob and Katie shared information on various upcoming Rapid responder, active shooter, CEPTED, and substance abuse trainings.

Frank adjourned the meeting at about 12:00. The next Advisory Committee meeting will be on April 3, 2014, at OSPI.