

Safe Schools Committee Meeting
September 20, 2017, 11:00 AM
Criminal Justice Institute
26 Corporate Hill Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

Minutes

Chairperson Dr. Cheryl May called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM. The following voting members were present: Mr. Randy Goodnight (call-in), Sgt. Chester Jones, Lt. Brant Tosh, and Dr. Cheryl May.

The following ex office members were present: Ms. Linda Graham, Mr. John Gray, and Ms. Otistene Smith.

The following staff members were present: Ms. Kimberly Friedman, Ms. Vicki French, Ms. Michelle Griffin, and Mr. John Kaminar

The following guests were present: Mr. Tripp Wyatt (attorney for APSRC).

Dr. May asked the committee members to review the minutes. Mr. Goodnight stated that he agreed with the minutes as written and due to his need to exit the call, asked Mr. Kaminar to vote as his proxy once a quorum was established.

Chair Update:

Dr. May introduced new committee member Lt. Brant Tosh, representing the ASBA.

Dr. May asked Mr. Kaminar to update the committee on the CDR3P. Mr. Kaminar reported on the planning summit held on September 19 and the information received by the working group.

On October 18, 9:30 AM, the Arkansas Center for School Safety (ACSS) will be announced at Greenbrier High School Fine Arts Building, 72 Green Valley Drive, in Greenbrier. Dr. May stated there will be several dignitaries present, including Commissioner Key (Arkansas Department of Education) and Director Gary (Arkansas Department of Emergency Management). She will also invite appropriate legislators. She asked Ms. Friedman to review the press release and obtain the commissioner's approval. She also indicated she would coordinate with Ms. Coffman to appear at the meeting of the State Board of Education on October 12 to present to the SBE about the ACSS.

Ms. Coffman arrived at 11:25 AM. A quorum was established.

Dr. May asked the committee to review the draft of the governor's proclamation for Arkansas Safe Schools Week. Ms. Coffman moved that Dr. May work with governor's office to obtain the proclamation. Sgt. Jones seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kaminar moved on Mr. Goodnight's behalf that the minutes of the committee's July 12 meeting be approved as written. Sgt. Jones second. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. May reported that she has been working with Dr. Betsy Kindall (ADE) on implementing Mental Health First Aid in Arkansas public schools. There may be an opportunity to implement a 40-hour train-the-trainer program by working in conjunction with the Arkansas Department of Community Corrections.

Dr. May shared information provided by the Police Foundation and handouts on emergency preparedness from the Missouri School Boards Association during the last national school safety center call-in. She

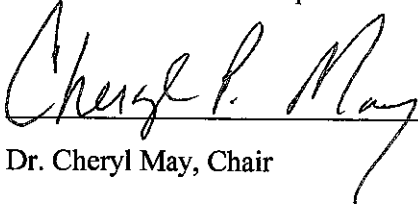
asked the committee members' thoughts on posting information such as the Missouri School Boards Association handout on the website of the ACSS. She asked Sgt. Jones to write an introductory piece to place on the ACSS web site. The members discussed developing similar materials for Arkansas and posting those instead. Sgt. Jones and Mr. Gray suggested preparing a one-page handout with questions directed at the district level to post on the web site prior to School Safety Week.

Dr. May reported that by agreement with Commissioner Key, certificates bearing both of their signatures would be awarded to SROs for each level of training they complete. She stated that applicants would have to be reviewed by an ad hoc committee with representatives from the Arkansas Safe Schools Association (ASA), ADE, and the SSC to ensure they have met the appropriate standards. The committee would need a school administrator and an SRO. She asked the committee for recommendations. The following were suggested: Otistene Smith, Brant Tosh, and Jason Clark.

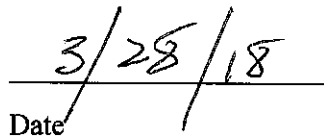
Dr. May asked Ms. French to update on the ACSS. Ms. French reported that the ACSS has completed two SRO classes, 11 CRASE classes, and the ASSA conference. ACSS will also be conducting several classes on preventing bullying and cyberbullying and is requesting classes from the US Department of Education on behavioral risk assessment and adult sexual misconduct in a school setting.

Dr. May asked Mr. Walter whether Scott Smith had researched any legal issues regarding the use of naloxone in public schools and fielding it to SROs. The committee members discussed various issues connected with the fielding and use of naloxone in a school setting.

Sgt. Jones moved adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kaminar seconded on Mr. Goodnight's behalf. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:48 PM.



Dr. Cheryl May, Chair



Date