

Safe Schools Committee Meeting
October 3, 2018, 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 11:09 AM. The following voting members were present: Ms. Deborah Coffman, Mr. Randy Goodnight, Sgt. Chester Jones, Dr. Cheryl May, and Mr. Scott Spainhour. A quorum was established.

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

The following staff members were present: Ms. Vicki French, Ms. Michelle Griffin, and Ms. Michala Moore (in lieu of Mr. John Kaminar).

Dr. May asked the committee members to review the minutes from the March 28, 2018 meeting. Mr. Spainhour moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Coffman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. May asked Ms. Griffin to find out what organizations selected the following members: Anthony Jackson and Stephen Lanford.

Dr. May suggested the committee continue the conversation about requesting to expand the committee to include law enforcement (sheriff and local), fire department chief (county or local), APSRC, Department of Emergency management, Rural Education, School Psychology Association. Mr. Gray asked if the committee should consider adding AEA and ASTA to see whether they want to participate. Mr. Goodnight suggested that the committee request retired teachers since the meetings are in the daytime. Ms. Coffman moved to expand the committee to include representatives from law enforcement, firefighters, emergency management, AEA, ASTA, and the School Psychology Association. Mr. Goodnight seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. May reviewed SRO certificates. Ms. Coffman agreed to ask Commissioner Key (ADE) who would sign the certificates. Dr. May would like to send out a press release on the first day of School Safety Week regarding applications. Ms. Coffman moved to accept the applications. Mr. Goodnight seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. May stated that School Safety Week begins October 22. She invited the committee to attend the meeting of the State Board of Education on October 11 for the resolution on School Safety Week. She indicated the proclamation from the governor's office is ready to be picked up. She reminded the committee about the class to be presented October 16-17.

Dr. May described the plan for Title IV funds for Mental Health First Aid training. The class is eight hours and will take place in Springdale, Heber Springs, LRSD, Charleston, Mountain Home, and Hot Springs. A train the trainer course will be held November 13-15. It takes six months to train staff. The manual costs \$20.00. The next training will be in January.


Dr. May handed the committee examples of memoranda of understanding between school districts and SROs so the committee could begin drafting a model MOU. Ms. Coffman asked why this was needed.

She suggested that districts that already have good plans could provide examples. She suggested the School Boards Association could provide guidance. Dr. May and Ms. Coffman suggested that instead of a model MOU, the committee could provide a list of points to be considered for a district MOU. Mr. Gray suggested that a disclosure statement be placed at the bottom of the sample for districts to run by their school district attorney.

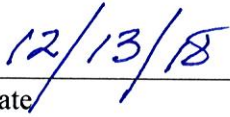
Ms. Coffman recommended the committee review the laws on school safety. She said she would send everybody the link to the web site via email.

The next committee meeting was scheduled for November 7, 2018, 11:00 AM, at the Criminal Justice Institute.

Sgt. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Spainhour seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:14 PM.



Dr. Cheryl May, Chair



Date