

NOTES
SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING
(Summer 2021 Public Meeting)
August 16, 2021 - 3:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Welcome and Introductions

The School Safety and Security Committee held a virtual summer 2021 public meeting, via Microsoft Teams, on August 16, 2021. Business Logistics and Purchasing Officer Alexis Licata called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Committee and support staff members present are indicated below.

Committee/Support Staff Member	Status	Arrived
Millard House	Present	
Dr. Patricia Allen	Present	
Kathy Blueford-Daniels	Present	Joined 3:20pm
HISD PD Chief Pedro Lopez	Present	
George Buenik	Present	
HPD Chief Troy Finner	Present	
Zandra Aguilar	Present	
Principal Carlos Phillips	Present	
Jennifer Simmons	Present	
Melissa Guerrero	Present	Joined 3:20pm
Yesenia Taylor	Present	
Willie Spencer	Present	
Alexis Licata	Present	
Roberta Scott	Present	
Erica Graham	Present	
Lisa McBride	Absent	
Veronica Mabasa	Present	
Jackie Birmingham	Present	
Melissa Lopez	Present	
Emily Smith	Present	

A quorum was established with 11 of 13 committee members present.

Comments from Superintendent House

Approval of Minutes from May 27, 2021

Upon motion by Patricia Allen, seconded by Millard House, the minutes of the May 27, 2021, School Safety and Security Committee meeting (spring 2021 public meeting) were approved by a vote of 10-0.

Voting Member	Favor	Oppose
Millard House	X	
Dr. Patricia Allen	X	
Kathy Blueford-Daniels	-	
HISD PD Chief Pedro Lopez	X	
George Buenik	-	
HPD Chief Troy Finner	X	
Zandra Aguilar	X	
Principal Carlos Phillips	X	
Jennifer Simmons	X	
Melissa Guerrero	-	
Yesenia Taylor	X	
Willie Spencer	X	
Alexis Licata	X	

Speakers to Agenda

- There were no speakers to the agenda items.

COVID-19 Update (Jackie Birmingham)

- Vaccination Progress: 55.8% of Harris County residents have received at least one dose of vaccine; 46.2% of all Harris County residents are fully vaccinated, 67.6% of all Harris County residents ages 12+ have received at least one dose, and 56.1% of Harris County residents ages 12+ are fully vaccinated
- COVID-19 positivity rate is 19.6% as of Friday, August 13, 2021
- New Case Trend for Harris County
 - increases by 51 cases per day
 - weekly total of new cases per 100,000 residents reported within 7 days of test date is 285 cases per 100,000 residents
 - HISD COVID Cases as of August 8, 12 employees confirmed as COVID positive
- Latest Update for Procedural Guidelines for HISD
 - New exception to procedure is if an employee is fully vaccinated and it has been 14 days after the final dose and has been exposed to someone with a positive or presumed positive, the employee does not have to quarantine if the employee is not exhibiting symptoms
 - All other guidelines for a confirmed positive case are in effect.

HISD Police Department Updates (HISD PD Chief Lopez)

- Mandatory training required by the state occurs in July and August; HISD PD concludes annual firearms qualifications this week.
- Anonymous Alerts System will be launched for the upcoming school year.

- ICS/NIMS Safety training begins in the fall and will be completed by January 2022.
- Situational Awareness needed: two dozen catalytic converter thefts have been reported around the district

Anonymous Tip App Update (Roberta Scott)

- App will launch in October/November, will conduct anonymous 2-way dialogue/communications with a student or parent
- District will receive incident reports in real time from students or parents
- App can provide full notetaking and tracking of each anonymous incident report
- App is a result of three-year grant from collaboration between Social-Emotional Learning department and HISD PD

Risk Management Updates (Melissa Lopez)

- General Safety Training available as compliance course and is assigned to all employees
- National Incident Management System (NIMS) training for selected employee groups assigned based on guidance from Senate Bill 11 and the Texas School Safety Center
- Risk Management Kickoff Meeting with campus principals was held August 10, 2021

Closing

- With no further business to discuss, the Safety and Security Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.