Safe Schools Task Force

The Safe Schools Task Force (SSTF) held its first in-person meeting on October 4, 2022. The roughly 30 team members represent our 10 schools, preschools, day care programs, both Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach police departments, staff, and members of the community. The group engaged in conversations around these components of safety:

- School Climate/Mental Health
- Emergency Preparedness
- Communication
- Physical Environments
- Practices and Protocols

We discussed what has been done and what we are doing, offered additional input, and asked related questions. Subcommittees for each of these areas will be formed, and each group will continue implementing the recommendations made by the previous subcommittees and determining new areas of need. The subcommittee members will be announced soon and potentially meet in November. The next SSTF meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2022.

School Safety Teams

Each of our ten schools extended an invitation to its community to serve on its School Safety Team. Some sites have already formed their teams and held their first meeting, while others plan to meet within the next few weeks. The School Safety Team will play a critical role in making each campus safer–everyday.

The School Safety Team Will:



- Help to develop specific protocols for their site
- Have three meetings (1/trimester); Subcommittees may meet more often depending on tasks needing completion
- Subcommittee work will include but is not limited to:

I. Emergency Preparedness:
- Bins
- Drills
- Tourniquets
- Backpacks
- Snacks and water
- Updated class rosters
- Classroom snacks/ water

II. Event Safety
- Lighting
- Security
- Check-in/out

III. Arrival & Dismissal Protocols
- Volunteers

IV. Other:
- e.g., Unification Plans

- The Safe Schools Task Force representative from each school will share updates with their School Safety Teams and share information from the school with the SSTF

Security Study Presentation to FVSD School Board on October 26, 2022

As previously mentioned, the FVSD Board of Trustees approved a District proposal for an additional scope of work with Rachlin Partners, which includes a district-wide security study. This architectural firm, which FVSD collaborated with for the entire scope of the Measure O work, has extensive knowledge and understanding of our campuses. At a Special Board meeting, on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, Rachlin Partners will present findings and recommendations from their security study, which will include, but is not limited to recommendations for locking systems, perimeter fencing, and other architectural safety layers.



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OCTOBER 5, 2022

Did, Doing, +Input Activity Notes
Members off the SSTF rotated through five stations:

- School Climate/Mental Health
- Emergency Preparedness
- Communication
- Physical Environments
- Practices and Protocols

At each station, they learned what has been done and what is still in progress, offered additional input, and asked related questions. The additional input/thoughts/questions sections below include anything and everything that came to members minds (brainstorm). Subcommittees for each of these areas will be formed, and each group will continue implementing the recommendations made by the previous subcommittees, answering the questions and discussing thoughts in the "brainstorm", and determining new areas of need.

Practices & Protocols

- **Did/Doing**
  - Raptor Visitor Management System
  - Staff badges for ALL FVSD Team Members
  - Volunteer Policy Updated
  - Comprehensive Safety & Disaster Plans

- **Additional Input/Thoughts/Questions/**
  - Volunteer school safety walk
  - School Safety Team (SSTF)
  - Same language nomenclature as the staff
  - Age-appropriate safety drills
  - Inform parents of updated practices/protocols
  - Tighten up emergency card protocols for the release of students
  - Proctor/assessment after drills
  - Single point entry for parents
  - Unplanned drills during non-instructional lunch, etc.
  - Defined boundaries
  - Attendance per period in middle school; after breaks
  - Look @ D/O & P/U flow to reduce bottleneck traffic and students meeting @ alternate locations (safety concern

School Climate / Mental Health

- **Did/Doing**
  - Elementary Counselors (4)
  - MS Guidance Techs (3)
  - Behavior Intervention Aides
  - CA Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS)
  - Wellness Wednesdays
  - PALS (Fulton/Masuda)

- **Additional Input/Thoughts/Questions**
  - Need more elementary counselors - bullied students need access to more counselors
  - Curriculum?
  - Proactive relations w/ SRO & PD
  - Meet & Greet w/ counselors
  - Physical health promotes mental health
  - Anonymous tip line
  - Community partnerships?
  - Enrichment activities that teach coping mechanisms to deal w/ emotions; yoga; breathtaking; coping skills
    - Mind up; how do you regulate?
  - Meet & greet icebreaker at school sites
  - Community partnerships?
  - Consistent safe space provided for students at lunch
  - Recharge room
  - Additional full-time counselors
  - Support for ESP
  - Additional behavioral aids
  - Full-time psychs at each middle school
  - Assemblies by counselors
    - role-playing
    - what to do
    - how to act
    - who to tell
  - Explore Illuminate Institute Curriculum

Physical Environment

- **Did/Doing**
  - Improve visibility / Duty Schedules
  - Expectation of locking doors
  - Secure locks on existing gates during the day
  - Rachlin Fencing Design: Safety master plan for cameras, alarms, locking systems, and perimeter fencing

- **Additional Input/Thoughts/Questions**
  - Update classroom telephones

        - Hard to hear
        - Not user-friendly
    - Look at the Safety of connecting classroom doors
        - Difficult to lock
        - Locked or unlocked?
        - One-way looking?
    - Visibility / Monitoring environment during the school day, not just at d/o & p/u
    - Magnetic locks
    - Increased signage
    - Push out gates so easy exit in an emergency
    - Make sure subs always know to lock doors
    - Video Cameras / Alarms!
    - Ongoing budgeting for maintenance so everything functions
    - Single Entry
    - Educate our substitutes about the door policy
    - Define boundaries
    - Cameras for monitoring
    - Active, live security cameras - monitored
    - Test badges
        - have parents on campus to test staff - can I help incentivize you to find something?
    - Keyless entry through badges

<u>Emergency Preparedness</u>

- **Did/Doing**
    - Replace school safety bins
    - Classroom Emergency backpacks w/ H_2O & snacks
    - Emergency Procedures Flipcharts (classrooms/office)
    - Emergency Training for principals & staff - keep it coming
    - Active Shooter training & procedure
- **Additional Input/Thoughts/Questions**
    - Active Shooter training & procedures are reviewed <u>annually</u>
    - Engaging At-risk students, how?
    - Reunification Plan @ each site - revisit and update it
        - Protocols which channels etc.
    - Are there radios in each room?
    - Immediate & long-term communication ability
    - All have electronic devices; can there be some “button” for each classroom device?
    - Communication flow chart
    - Training annually
    - Can we standardize a checklist for organizational purposes?
        - e.g. battery replacement; what should happen each year?
    - We should have Unplanned drills for practice

- Students' cell phones w/ “panic” buttons
- Watches
- Is there an “App” that we can use to communicate emergencies/
- What about when there is a need for a restroom in a lockdown
- “Long Term emergency gear” how much do we have?
  - substitute teacher information/training
- Mental Health Emergency Response Protocol - do we have it?
- Fire extinguisher training - needed annually
- Grab & “go bag” law enforcement maps & keys (do we have these?)
  - Maps in every classroom (do we have these?)
- Utilize Boys and Girls Scouts to have them refurbish bins as an Eagle or Silver Award Project

Communications

- **Did/Doing**
  - Titan HST → ParentSquare
  - We Tip (Websites)
  - Communication Resources / Protocols
  - FVSD w/ FVPD & HBPD - School Resource Officers
- **Additional Input/Thoughts/Questions**
  - Education to parents & students about “we tip”
  - Training on parentsquare “alert” for all staff
  - Radios available with proper training & specific channel
  - Train substitutes on emergency procedures
  - Light system for deaf and hard of hearing program
  - Communicate to parents and elementary schools about “we tip”
  - Educate students about the officers on campus “role”
  - Police present to teachers so they can have most up-to-date info on intruders

SSTF 10.04.22 Meeting Agenda/Presentation Slides