

AISD School Safety and Security Committee (SSSC)
Summary of Open Meeting Notes
2/11/2025

Members Attendance

Fuerza Linda Kitcher, Zachary Reagan, David Simon, John Harris, Chief Pickford (In place of Chief Sneed), Dr. Melvin Bedford, Dr. Jacob Reach, Lynn Boswell, Andrew Hairston, Sherwynn Patton

Others in Attendance

None

PROCEEDINGS

Preliminaries

- The open session began by Jiae Kim-Batra and David Simon at 5:32 pm.
- Call to order- Introduction of Co-Chairs and coordinators of both SSSC and DAC

Public

- No public comments

Deliberations

- Superintendent Briefing- Dr. Jacob Reach, presenter
 - Black History Month and kickoff at the central office
 - CT programs
 - School Resource Officer Appreciation Week
 - 2 new trustees were elected- Larisa Katana and Fernando
 - 89th legislative session is currently happening
 - The board has passed legislative priorities
 - Fair funding, recapture reform, local control of governments, safety and security, student support, and teachers and vouchers
 - Next meeting with District Annual Report- Watch it on cable and AISD Website
 - Information items and updates- David Simon, Director of Emergency Management
 - Updates on School Safety and Security
 - 2022 Bond updates
 - Security window film on specific areas of campus (not specified)- 99% completed to place film on windows across the district- this is placed above and beyond what is required by law.
 - Secure Vestibule- 30 secure vestibules over the summer completed. Another 36 secure vestibules are being built this coming summer.
 - Fencing- TEA code requirement for a secured perimeter. 6ft and anti-scalable with the ability to have free egress. Currently in a new phase of fencing projects.
 - Standard Response Protocols
 - Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate and Shelter
 - **Hold-** (medical emergency, fight in school)

- **Secure-** (Police Activity near the campus or stray animal on campus grounds)
- **Lockdown-** (Active threat or immediate threat in the building)
- **Evacuate-** (Fire, flooding, wildfire, or bomb threat)
- **Shelter in place-** (Weather or Hazardous material HAZMAT)
- SRP Communications- Passing of House Bill 3, anytime a threat is made to the campus, a letter must be sent home to the parents that a threat was made to that campus.
- District Training Information
 - AISD Emergency Management and the AISD Police Department have been working with district-level departments and after-school partners to conduct training for SRP and communicate that to the parents, communities, staff, etc.

Conclusion

- SSSC moved over to executive session at 6:53 pm
- Back in open session at 7:16 pm
 - Suggestions for future items
- More input from principals about the safety vestibules and how they will look and operate is needed.
- Advocating for more employees at the front office increase
- Threat Assessment involvement- Have that team discuss with SSSC to involve the community and students.
- Financial and success rate for the police department and requirements for armed officers at each campus.
- Motion to close Meeting by Andrew Hariston
 - Motion seconded by Zachary Reagan
 - The meeting closed, and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm