



SAFETY TASK FORCE

Tuesday, April 3, 2007

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Board-Co-Chairs: Erlinda Agron & Joanne Jackson

1. *Study and make suggestions on the ASD School Board policies and procedures related to student discipline and student safety.*
2. *Provide input into the revision of the Code of Conduct.*
3. *Meet with ASD's safety partners who help to address safety in ASD schools.*
4. *Help develop systems so that parents have their concerns addressed through the schools and know how to access others in the District to assist them.*

A G E N D A

1. Review of Minutes of March 28, 2007 (5)

2. Selection of Parent Co-Chair (15) Ballots will be provided.

3. Presentation by Safety Partner Assistant Chief Joseph Hanna (30) followed by Q & A

Assistant Chief Hanna will give a brief history of collaboration between the school district and the Allentown Police Department. Hanna was the APD liaison with ASD for many years. He has participated in many district and APD initiatives including: the development of safety policies and procedural guidelines, the School Resource Officer program, ASD/APD Memorandum of Understanding, Violence Prevention Coalition, Gang Task Force, DARE, Officer Phil, PASL summer program, threat assessment procedures and training, Community Policing, Crossing Guard Program and protocol for school administrators to contact the police.

4. Small Group Policy Review (25 minutes)

- a. 218 – Student Discipline – page 8
- b. 233 – Suspension/Expulsion – page 9
- c. 218.1 – Weapons – page 11
- d. 227 – Substance Abuse – page 12
- e. 222 – Use of Tobacco Products – page 13

Highlighters, post-n-notes, chart paper will be provided. A group will be assigned to one policy. The following questions should be answered to guide the discussion.

1. *What is unclear?*
2. *What are the major points of this policy?*
3. *Anything else?*

Debriefing (15 minutes)

Next Meeting – April 17, 2007

- Discussion of Policy 250 – Bullying – page 19
- Discussion of article in PSBA Bulletin – page 17 *Schools Face Difficult Challenges from Cyberbullies*
- Safety Partners Suggested: PDE & Crime Victims' Council
- Panel Discussion – (Principal, Parent, Student, Security Officer on Bullying)

DRAFT: OVERVIEW OF NEXT MEETINGS

April 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invite PDE to facilitate Rights and Responsibilities of Students, Parent/Guardians, & Staff• Overview of Megan's Law – focuses on identified sexual predators & requirements for APD & ASD• Safety Partner – Protective Services
May 1	No formal meeting at ASD. Some members of the Safety Task Force will be attending the Safe Schools Conference in Harrisburg April 20 – May 2.
May 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Debrief from the Safe Schools Conference – share ideas (Gallery Walk)• Small Group Policy Review<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 204- Attendance – page 20✓ 249 – Gang – page 22✓ 247 – Hazing – page 23✓ 226 – Student Searches - -age 24✓ 907 – School Visitors✓ 220 – Student Expression
May 15	PDE Invited to help facilitate a work session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drafting format for documents (for home)• Flow charts• Policy summaries• Parent access form• Communication Protocols for communicating the revised documents• Communication Protocols for parent/student/school/district
May 22	PDE invited to help facilitate a work session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue the work of May 15th
May 24	Present recommendations to the ASD Board of Directors

Note: PDE & ASD staff will provide technical support and summarize the policies, draft flow charts, etc. (those items that the task force drafts). That work will come back to the Safety Task Force for review and completion.

Projected Outcomes of the Safety Task Force by May 24, 2007

1. Summaries of policies.
2. Student/Parent-Guardian/Staff Rights & Responsibilities
3. Communication for Access
4. Clearer systems for knowing actions and related consequences in the code of conduct