



## **SAFETY TASK FORCE**

**Tuesday, May 8, 2007**

**7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Parent Co-Chairs: Shalon Easterling & David Roth**

**Board Co-Chairs: Erlinda Agron & Joanne Jackson**

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### **Charge:**

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.**

### **Projected Outcomes of the Safety Task Force**

1. *Summaries of policies by Support Team.*
  2. *Student/Parent-Guardian/Staff Rights & Responsibilities*
  3. *Communication for Access to School Personnel*
  4. *Clear descriptions for Infractions and Related Consequences by Support Team*
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## **A G E N D A**

### **1. Review of Minutes of April 24, 2007**

### **2. Presentation on the Safe Schools Conference – Laura Miller & Sara Packer**

### **3. Parent Training – Olweus Bullying – Marci Ronald**

**4. Letter to Parents – May 7, 2007 – Karen Angello**

*A brief discussion on the safety issue addressed in this letter.*

**5. Survey – David Roth**

**6. Planning the Next Meeting**

**Input needed:**

Rights and Responsibilities of Students, Parents/Guardians & Staff  
Communication/Access to the Schools

**Calendar:**

May 15, 2007

May 22, 2007

May 24, 2007 – Interim Report

??Scheduling meetings in June??

June 14<sup>th</sup> or June 21<sup>st</sup> – Recommendations for 2007-2008



**Safety Task Force  
March 28, 2007**

The Safety Task Force held small group discussions around these three central questions at its first meeting.

What do you hope the Safety Task Force will accomplish?	What do you see as Critical Needs to Address?	What guidance would you like to receive from the Pennsylvania Department of Education?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet the needs of the students &amp; community by open communication between schools, students and parents.</li> <li>• Safety policies &amp; procedures regarding students' safety traveling to and from school.</li> <li>• More teacher training to help tackle problems &amp; issues as they arise (e.g. more immediate attention)</li> <li>• Bullying taskforce in each individual school comprised of teachers &amp; parents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Parent advocate</li> <li>✓ Faster communication</li> <li>✓ Parent resource libraries</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• States laws regarding students rights regarding children with history of violence (right to know and privacy laws)</li> <li>• Information on current policies that are working</li> <li>• Best practices for parents, teachers, and administrators</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revisions to the Code of Conduct               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ More parent-friendly</li> <li>✓ Responsibilities of parents</li> <li>✓ Flowchart/graphic</li> <li>✓ Request for assistance form</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Alternative placement for disruptive students</li> <li>• Communication with parents</li> <li>• Current policies changed to fit the consequences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students need to feel safe</li> <li>• New teachers needing mentors</li> <li>• Simplify the code of conduct</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership between PDE and administration</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear communication between parents &amp; administration</li> <li>• Time frame for answering concerns</li> <li>• Enforcement of Code of Conduct (consistency)</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff</li> <li>• Security</li> <li>• What is the <u>root issue</u> we are addressing?</li> <li>• Resources               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Parent "Army"</li> <li>✓ Alternative Sites</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>What are our parents' parameters?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Across the board parental support</li> <li>• Good training to empower teachers &amp; parents</li> <li>• Safe haven locations</li> <li>• Contact person within community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class size</li> <li>• User-friendly code of conduct book</li> <li>• Primary/middle/high-school actions/consequences</li> <li>• Additional delivery system</li> </ul>	