



**Safety Task Force  
Minutes  
December 11, 2007  
7:00 – 8:30**

Parent Co-Chair, David Roth, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and asked members to introduce themselves.

Parent Co-Chair, Shalon Easterling, reviewed the Safety Task Force charge for 2007-2008.

Karen Boardman shared information regarding an assembly program “Retro Bill” to be hosted at Dodd Elementary on February 25. The assembly will be presented 3 times (TBD) during the day. Members interested in attending should notify Mrs. Boardman.

Susan Lozada presented a Bullying Prevention initiative timeline created by the Action Planning Sub Committee. Mrs. Lozada noted the Olweus program is not intended for high school however, adjustments will be made so ASD has a K-12 initiative. Surveys for students 3-8 will be distributed by December 21. Staff surveys can be done K-12.

Kenneth Ghorm asked if the surveys include any questions regarding cyber bullying. Freda Rafes from Crime Victims Council, stated there are no cyber bullying questions on the Olweus survey. Mrs. Lozada indicated that many of our administrators are dealing with this issue.

Jim Moniz noted that ASD’s no cell phone policy had dramatically decreased the inappropriate text messaging which had previously interrupted the school day.

Karen Angello asked if during an upcoming meeting some of the Olweus training could be demonstrated. Ms. Rafes and Dave Edinger agreed to present some activities as examples of the training.

Mr. Edinger suggested members of the Safety Task Force become part of the training programs at different schools. Ms. Rafes stated this participation would assist with fidelity of the program.

Mr. Roth suggested we create a list of volunteer parents interested in participating in the training.

Mrs. Lozada presented a draft version of the Olweus parent notification letter.

Suggestions:

- Include the Olweus website in the letter
- Remove parent permission
- Include the program is endorsed by the Safety Task Force

It was suggested a script be created for teachers to read to students prior to administration of the survey.

The survey is available in English and Spanish.

Mrs. Lozada indicated there was a very good response to the Parent Liaison posting. Nine applicants will be interviewed on Thursday, December 13. Several Task Force members are on the interview committee.

Dr. Angello shared she and Mrs. Lozada just returned from a Latino summit at Penn State. While there, Mary Ramirez of PDE invited representatives of the ASD Safety Task Force to present at the "Safety in Schools" PDE conference in May. More information will be forthcoming.

Dr. Angello shared the timeline for the 2008-2009 district budget and explained the process to create this budget.

Dr. Angello also shared how our local legislators support ASD and are very concerned about the safety in our schools.

Dr. Angello shared the process for creation and implementation of School Accountability Plans.

Suggestions for next meeting:

- View video from Olweus program
- Introduce parent liaison
- Simulated Olweus and Anti-bullying program activities
- Review list of software approved by PDE to help parents monitor children's internet use

Mr. Roth adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM.