

Minutes

San Benito High School District Safety Committee Meeting:
March 26, 2012

This meeting called to order at 2:30 P.M. in Room 135 by Debbie Fisher.

Present at the meeting: Doug Evers, Christina Hval, Jill Ichien, Jennifer Henig, Melody Gomes, Debbie Fisher, Carol Heiderich, Mercedes Berglund, Stan Rose, Alicia Breckenridge, Juan Robledo, and Karen Zanella.

Absent: Rob Zimmerman, Kristy Urbina, Elizabeth Martinez, and Antonio Vela.

Approval of Minutes: January 30, 2012 approval of minute's motion by Christina Hval, seconded by Melody Gomes. Motion carried.

Oral Communications: Mercedes Berglund reported on the CPR class that was held Saturday March 24. Mercedes brought forth questions from Antonio Vela, who was unable to attend. Antonio would like to acquire AED's with safety money to be distributed throughout the campus. Debbie Fisher expressed concern over the liability issues that have arisen in other districts with the use of AED's. Doug Evers indicated that he feels that safety money could not be used to purchase AED's. Mercedes requested the code of requirements for AED's be sent to her. Doug stated that he would resend them to Debbie for distribution to those that are interested. It was suggested for Mercedes to inform Antonio to bring up the AED's in cabinet. Antonio also requested that safety monies be used to restock the first aid kits. This was deemed as inappropriate for use of safety funds. It was questioned why the restocking of the first aid kits are no longer done by the students in Dave Tari's sports medicine class. Mercedes is going to speak with Antonio regarding this and why it is no longer done.

Report from Site Safety Committee: Due to Antonio Vela's absence this report was tabled until the May 21, 2012 meeting.

Safety Budget Status: Melody Gomes responded to Doug Evers request from the last meeting on the balance at the end of last year. The 2010-2011 ending balance was \$3,954.90. For 2011-2012 we received \$16,554.00. As of this meeting we have had \$8,939.17 in expenditures. This leaves us with a current balance of 11,569.73. Jill Ichien asked what would happen if we did not expend all of the monies allotted us in a year. Melody explained that we would not lose what we had already received, but the amount we receive from the JPA could be reduced the following year. That has not occurred in the past, but we must provide an accounting each year of our expenditures, and it is expected that we expend the money we receive each year. Jen Henig asked if the crisis intervention prevention should have been covered under safety monies. Doug Evers said that yes the registration would be, but not any of the other expenses. Melody made a motion to cash transfer that expense to the safety account. Karen Zanella seconded. Motion was carried. Further discussion on crisis intervention prevention continued and it was decided that the cost of training a trainer would be covered by safety monies. Jen will look into when this could be done and who would be interested. It was suggested that both a male and female be trained as trainers and that those people should train employees in special education, campus supervision and food service.

Synopsis of Injuries update: Carol Heiderich stated that there were two claims since the last meeting, both were back injuries. One employee was hugged by a student too hard the other was moving boxes around. There were four other injuries that were not claimed. One was for a slip and fall on a concrete surface. The area was inspected by Rob Zimmerman and Kristy Urbina and there was no hazard found to fix the issue. One was the result of trying to break up a fight between two students. The employee was not injured but her glasses were broken and replaced by the district. One was injured by a student pinching them on the arm; arm guards were ordered but had not arrived by the time of this incident. The arm guards are now in and being used by Special Education. One was a dog bite that an employee received while doing a home visit. Jen Henig has implemented a strict policy with the staff and the family that the dog(s) are not to be in the home during their visits. If the dog(s) are in the home the employee is to leave immediately. Christina Hval stated she had a worker who was pinched by a student in Special Education that wasn't reported. Christina Hval requested that Jennifer Henig train the cafeteria works on how to deal with the Special Education students to prevent further instances of this nature. Debbie Fisher would like to have all staff that may come into close contact with Special Education students are informed of possible injury causing traits that they may have and how to prevent injures as well as anything that may incite them to act in this way. It was suggested

that this also be brought up in the Supervisor meeting. Doug Evers requested that we insure that all campus supervisors are using breakaway lanyards.

District Statistical Analysis: Doug Evers decided to forgo this presentation due to time constraints. Doug asked Carol Heiderich to make sure that the supervisors received this month's 5-minute safety training.

Old Business: Debbie Fisher tried to get information on ladders, but did not receive a big response. Debbie suggested that we bring the issue of ladders back to the next meeting. Alicia Breckenridge would check with Rob Zimmerman to see if there are any ladders left in the warehouse. Alicia will also send an email to staff regarding who has ladders and where they are located. Melody Gomes motioned to buy ladders when a count was completed and to label them "Provided by SBHS Safety Committee." Mercedes Berglund seconded motion. The motion was carried.

New Business: Juan Robledo suggested that a stand behind line be painted on the sidewalk at the crosswalk. Juan would also like to see something to prevent the students from sitting on the K-rail. Doug Evers said that safety monies could be used for the stand behind line project since staff uses the crosswalk, but since staff does not sit on the K-rail that would not be covered. Debbie Fisher asked that Rob Zimmerman look into some way of keeping the students from sitting on the K-rail.

Stan Rose reported that at the last board meeting there was a request to apply for grants to create safe walking paths from Homestead Street to campus. There were a large amount of comments regarding why the intersection should be closed. There were comments on how the city would close the streets for tomatoes, but not for students. Stan stated that the city has been given many traffic study reports on that intersection. Stan and Ray Rodriguez will be going to a county meeting to present the case for closing the street once again. Doug Evers asked if our attorneys have sent an official letter regarding this safety concern to the city/county. Stan stated that he has sent such a letter, but that the school attorneys have not at this point. Stan reported that both the city and the county are balking at closing the road. This is further complicated by the fact that the CHP also has some jurisdiction over Nash Road. Since the city/county is requesting that we allow them to use part of the school property or cede it for use in the riverpark project we may have some leverage on getting Nash closed.

Alicia Breckenridge motioned to adjourn at 2:58 P.M. Mercedes Berglund seconded. Motion carried.

Rules of the Safety Committee Responsibilities: Next meeting May 21, 2012