

Minutes

San Benito High School District Safety Committee Meeting:

Date November 5, 2012

This meeting called to order at 2:13 P.M. in Room 135 by Debbie Fisher.

Present at the meeting: Doug Evers, Christina Hval, Jill Ichien, Melody Gomes, Debbie Fisher, Carol Heiderich, Mercedes Berglund, Adrian Ramirez, Stan Rose and Alicia Breckenridge

Absent from meeting: Rob Zimmerman, Jen Henig, Elizabeth Martinez, Kristy Urbina, Juan Robledo & Bryan Smith

Approval of Minutes: September 10, 2012 approval of minute's motion by Melody Gomes, 2nd by Jill Ichien, all agreed to approve minutes.

Report from Site Safety Committee: Doug Evers stated that to date there has been no loss of time or days with any claims. Doug also said that the same was true for the entire 2011/2012 year. We have four open claims at this point. Doug said that one of these claims will stay on the books for awhile the other three should come off soon. Debbie Fisher asked Doug how they decided on the cost of worker's compensation premiums. Doug replied that they look back at the claims for the past three years, not counting the one just ended. JPA then looks at all the schools and spreads the cost out evenly.

Safety Budget Status: Melody Gomes said that in September and October one banana board, one copy stand and four ergonomic chairs with arms were purchased as well as the pre-authorized t-shirts for campus security. \$2664.60 was spent leaving a balance of \$5167.22. Melody asked Doug to find out why we haven't received our check for this year's safety money.

Synopsis of Injuries update: Carol Heiderich reported that there was a slip on a ladder that became a claim on October 8. The employee received a bump on the knee and was ok. There was no equipment problem that caused the injury it was just an accident. There were four other accidents that required no medical treatment. One certificated employee trip in the parking lot on the curb. One classified employee tripped and fell. One instructional aide tripped in a pothole returning from lunch and the other was knocked down by a student and was also hit in the head with a plate while feeding a student. Christina Hval asked if it is our responsibility on injuries received going to and from lunch. Doug answered that at lunch it did not matter. Melody voiced concern about employees tripping in the road. Doug said that we should put our concerns in writing to the city, as it is the city's responsibility to maintain streets and sidewalks. Doug suggested documenting hazardous conditions by taking pictures to submit with the letter if possible. Doug suggested calling the city prior to writing the letter and inviting them to do a walk about and then follow up with a letter. Christina said that she would do the walk about. There was an employee that asked to have their workstation evaluated. Preexisting condition would get an ergonomic chair otherwise it would depend on how long they sit. The safety committee approved spending money between meetings if Doug's evaluation suggested improvements.

District Statistical Analysis: Tabled

Old Business: Melody Gomes stated that there had been no prizes give out this year for completing the online safety courses, will bring up in the next supervisor's meeting.

Rob Zimmerman's items were tabled until the next meeting.

Doug Evers asked about the status of the step ladders. Ali Breckenridge stated that the ladders had been purchased, but not labeled and distributed as of yet. We need to label and figure out a way to track them once they are distributed.

Stan Rose updated the committee on Nash Road. Stan stated that progress on Nash Road was stalled for awhile because the county's attorney was backlogged. Recently the school has been more involved in pushing the

Memorandum of Understanding through. The county wants the parcel of land by the river. We want Nash Road closed. The city would like a bypass road to go through backside of the 400's and wrap around top shelf to San Benito Street with a potential stop light at San Benito Street. Nash Road would need to still accessible to the county for the underground utility lines. There is a small vocal group that thinks the school should have to maintain things moving forward. It is reasonable to believe everyone should be able to come to an agreement that would involve no money needing to pass from one hand to the other. In the meantime stop signs have been installed on Nash Road. Stan asked Mercedes Berglund if traffic is starting to recognize that they are there. Traffic going East and West are failing to allow traffic to turn from Monterey Street, when they actually stop. There have been a few near misses. HPD are ticketing people who fail to stop, but are not out there often enough. Campus Supervisors used to be able to time crossings with the stop light at Nash and San Benito. The stop signs are causing cars to backup into that intersection now. Stan asked if HPD should come out and train the campus supervisors on what to do now. Doug questioned if it would be possible to put LED flashing red lights on the signs. Melody suggested using the movable stop signs that are used during power outages so they can be put in the middle of the road until people got used to them. Debbie asked Adrian Ramirez to see if the city would do this. Mercedes would like for HPD to be here daily to issue citations for running the stop signs. Adrian stated that he does not believe HPD would do so. Stan said that we need to speak with the city and the SRO to see what can be done before someone is injured. Stan and Adrian will speak with the SRO about more presence.

New Business: Rob Zimmerman's report was tabled.

Committee would like to discuss possibility of carpet tiles in the main building entryway at next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:04 P.M. Motion by Karen Zanella, seconded by Christina Hval.

Rules of the Safety Committee Responsibilities: **Next meeting January 14, 2013**