



Safe Schools Community Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

9:03 am Zoom Video Conference Meeting

Welcome/Introductions

Confirmation of Agenda

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

BrainTrust Canada	Carly Suddard
Board of Education	Lee-Ann Tiede, Moyra Baxter
City of Kelowna	Ryan Donn, Brad Sieben
COTA	Lori Dawson-Bedard
COPAC	Deannie Dacosta Zahara
CUPE	Teri Wishlow
CrimeStoppers	Gerry Guilteneane
District of Lake Country	Penny Gambell
District Administration	Al Lalonde, Sherri McKinnon, Dave Cavezza, Dave Johnson, Curtis Schreiber
RCMP	Robyn Boffy

WELCOME

Sherri welcomed everyone to the Central Okanagan Committee for Safe Schools and everyone introduced themselves.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Al and Sherri:

Reviewed Survey Feedback:

Slide presentation content:

- Suggestion for new logo
- Common Themes from Survey
- Proposed Recommendations
- Difference between Technical Challenge vs Adaptive Challenge
- Next Steps

Discussion/Comments:

- new logo does not clearly identify "Central Okanagan Public Schools" and this group's mandate
- consensus that focus of meetings should be complex safety concerns/issues within our schools
- ensure no duplication of issues through other community committees

- members would like more information regarding the hiring of more school liaison/resource officers in schools
- partner updates should continue at meetings

Partner Updates:

Robyn Boffy – RCMP

There has been an increase in fighting in Rutland area. Noticing a difference when a duty patrol officer responds vs a school resource officer.

Curtis Schreiber – Principal CNB

Receiving calls for more support from police liaison. No school from Mar-Aug has led to an increase in social media fighting vs face to face conversation.

Lori Dawson-Bedard - COTA

Would like to see mandatory wearing of masks for all stakeholders in schools in light of recent confirmed Covid-19 cases. Received and distributed masks for every COTA member in schools.

Gerry Guilteneane – Crimestoppers

Receiving reports or information on bullying incidents and graffiti on city/public properties.

Deannie Dacosta Zahara – COPAC

Worried debris going onto playground where students may play with it and dealing with traffic issues at schools (i.e. RSS construction). Wondering if notices could be provided to schools for projects from Mitch Vanaller at Operations.

Teri Wishlow – CUPE

Concerns raised about drug paraphernalia at school sites. The wearing of face masks makes it hard to identify/recognize people who shouldn't be there.

Brad Sieben – City of Kelowna Counsellor

There is a development e-mail list which provides information on what is happening that can be provided to AI. Drug paraphernalia incidents increasing in Kelowna. Left meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Al Lalonde – Assist Superintendent

Advised GRIP training will be provided to all Admin regarding gangs and guns impact on youth. All school sports coaches must complete online concussion training before coaching. Interior Health is at our table regarding suicide screeners and better communication regarding students who are hospitalized.

Ryan Donn – City of Kelowna Counsellor

Advised new Superintendent for RCMP is Kara Triance. Seeing a rise in petty crimes/theft in Kelowna. Seems to be connected to mental health or drug addiction issues. Still working on a Community Safety Plan.

Penny Gambell – Lake Country Counsellor

Community is seeing an increase in small crimes. Concerns regarding homelessness and congregating in vacant homes. Construction at George Elliott/HR Grenda Middle School is being well managed -no traffic issues. Vaping not seen around schools as much due to the push on regulations. Mask use concerns in public to cut down on transmission like they have in China.

Carly Suddard – Brain Trust

Concussions may be a contributing factor for the reasoning/motivation for petty crimes or drug use in the community.

Lee-Ann Tiede – Board of Education

Attending event at RSS for Remembrance Day so apologized for late arrival to meeting. Will pass on information at next meeting regarding RCMP SROs,

Moyra Baxter – Board of Education

Support the recommendation that RCMP School Resource Officers be the focus on the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

**Adjusted Meetings Schedule for the 2020-2021 School Year:
Four times per year (October 7, November 4, February 3, May5)**