



Safe Schools Community Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

9:00 a.m. 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, Kevin Kaardal, Dave Cavezza, Dave Johnson, Curtis Schreiber, Dave Glassock, Troy White, Jarred Birkeland
Kelowna Fire Department	Rick Euper
RCMP	Robyn Boffy
West Kelowna Fire Department	Kelly Wilson

WELCOME

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

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Al and Sherri:

Components of Safe Schools Cultures:

Slide presentation content:

- Acknowledge of Territory
- Components of Safe Schools Cultures
- Community Safety Framework
- Roles and Responsibilities of SRO Survey
- Prevention and Education
- Liaising with Community Agencies
- Careers and Student Development
- SRO vs General Duties
- Kelowna RCMP and Police Service Resource Review

- Prevention and Education
- Next Steps

Discussion/Comments:

- Do we have enough SRO's in our communities? (Lake Country, West Kelowna) Should we be abdicationing for more and do we require one for every school?
- How are we measuring a sense of safety in communities and schools?
- Discussion on world views and social media in communities not wanting police in schools or some boards deciding not to continue programs
- How do we increase awareness of the role of SROs and implement a proactive approach to gather feedback from community, staff, parents and students?
- Education and awareness vs own perceptions
- Ensure feedback includes diversity and different ethnic groups

Partner Updates:

Curtis Schreiber – Principal CNB

Appreciates SRO information and hard work by staff in schools during COVID.

Deannie Dacosta Zahara – COPAC

There will be a COPAC meeting on Monday to discuss parent's concerns/ issues of bullying. Working on creating virtual events that will be fun and exciting in the community.

Teri Wishlow – CUPE

Great presentation on SRO's and their valuable presence in communities.

Lori Dawson-Bedard - COTA

Will see if Bonnie Henry announces mandatory wearing of masks initiative in schools to address concerns in schools.

Al Lalonde – Assist Superintendent

Advised GRIP training is still being provided at the provincial level. SEL will be reporting back regarding gangs and guns impact on youth. We are looking at safety and emotional learning as most training is done on ZOOM.

Penny Gambell – Lake Country Counsellor

Appreciative of the SRO presentation and would like to have information to share with councilors. The budget is being reviewed with a plan to increase RCMP. COVID is having a major impact in the community with big concerns for mental health. Concerns in community from caregivers and teachers regarding the wearing of masks in schools and with variance and vaccinations as there is still half a school year left.

Carly Suddard – Brain Trust

Appreciated the SRO presentation. We are still working with Al and Sherri for providing information to Grade 3 level on brain concussion prevention and importance of wearing helmets.

Lee-Ann Tiede – Board of Education

Appreciated the SRO presentation. A report will come out from this committee to thank everyone in the community contribution for making schools safe.

Kelly White – West Kelowna Fire Department

Discussing information on recent fire inspections that 10 out of 11 schools had a deficiency due to decorations in hallways and on classroom doors. The health and safety team in schools will be addressing this on their monthly walk through in schools to bring forward.

Rick Euper – Kelowna Fire Department

Advised they have not been able to provide safety in classrooms or daycares due to COVID, but will eventually catch up.

Jarred Birkeland

Appreciate today's presentation and elementary administration greatly appreciates SRO's. There are concerns raised around COVID and masks, but feels that protocols are working in schools for the most part. There will be changes to our safety plan by Dave Cavezza allowing the start-up of hot lunch programs in schools.

Dan Glassock – Traffic Safety Officer

Advised there are problems during pick up times and working with schools to address and alleviate concerns.

Moyra Baxter – Board of Education

Appreciated the great conversation and feels working proactively about what we want to accomplish on this committee. There will be a meeting with school board on what will be happening from Bonnie Henry for following guidelines and complying with any new rules. Thank you to Dave Cavezza for keeping our schools clean and safe during COVID.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

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