



WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SAFE AND HEALTHY SCHOOLS MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2022

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Safe and Healthy Schools Committee was called to order at 2:02 P.M.

1.02 Roll Call

Chair Scott Benton, Commissioners Daren Balaam (Virtual), Loraine Benuto (Virtual), Charlene Bybee, Elizabeth Flores, Jessica Goicochea, Amber Joiner (Virtual), Leanne McCulley Larson (Virtual), Natalie Sanchez, Misty Vaughn Allen (Virtual), and Lt. Scott Caldwell were present at roll call. Commissioners Rhonda Lawrence, Peg Samples, and Student Representative Ivy Batmale were absent. Staff Liaison, Dr. Paul LaMarca and Superintendent Dr. Kristen McNeil were also present.

2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION

2.01 Approval of the minutes of the May 2, 2022, Meeting of the Safe and Healthy Schools Commission (For possible action)

Chair Benton asked for public comment, Commissioner Bybee asked for a clarifying response to item 2.04 on the minutes regarding the update for current and future Projects. She needed clarification on the 12 sites that would be going up for bid in the summer. Mr. Adam Searcy, Chief Operations Officer clarified that the 12 sites that were not completed as planned for this summer were current elementary schools that have existing single point of entries. He mentioned that they were planning to upgrade different elements of their existing infrastructure, and this would be going out to bid again. He Clarified that this was not for the high schools. Chair Benton also called upon Commissioner Jessica Goicochea. Ms. Goicochea mentioned that her name was not included in the roll call of the minutes for the May 2nd SHSC Meeting. She asked to amend the minutes to include her. Chair Benton made a recommendation to make a motion with those amendments so that the minutes would be approved today. Commissioner Jessica Goicochea made a motion to amend the minutes from the May 2nd meeting to include her name as present in Roll call and to clarify the question regarding the 12 schools that were to be sent to bid again. Jessica Goicochea made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2nd, 2022, Safe and Healthy Schools Commission as amended, Commissioner Charlene Bybee seconded the motion.

On motion by Jessica Goicochea, second by Charlene Bybee*, the Safe and Healthy Schools Committee approved minutes of the May 2, 2022, minutes as *. (Yea: Chair Scott Benton, Vice Chair Misty Vaughan Allen, Student representative Ivy Batmale, Commissioners Charlene Bybee, Elizabeth Florez, Amber Joiner Peg Samples, Rhonda Lawrence, Loraine Benuto.

Final Resolution: Motion carries 11-0

2.02 Recognition of Dr. Kristen McNeil, Washoe County School District Superintendent, regarding her years of service to the District and Safe and Healthy Schools Commission (For Discussion Only)

Chair Benton introduced a special guest, former chair Lisa Ruggerio who would be sharing on this item as a co-presenter with Chair Scott Benton. Chair Benton mentioned that Ms. Ruggerio was the founding chair and Dr. Kristen McNeil was the founding Staff Liaison.

Former Chair Lisa Ruggerio began by saying that it was an honor to be speaking at the committee. She thanked the Committee members, staff and members of the public. She said the Safe and Healthy Schools Commission was formed as a response to the Sparks Middle School Shooting. She mentioned that Dr. McNeil was serving in the role Chief of Staff during that time. Ms. Ruggerio discussed the different positions that Dr. McNeil has held within the district. Ms. Ruggerio mentioned that during the time after the Sparks Middle School shooting, Dr. McNeil was that one person who truly stepped up to mentor and pave the way for the important work of the commission. Dr. McNeil was instrumental in orienting the commission members and championing school safety. Ms. Ruggerio mentioned that she is truly grateful as are the Board of Trustees current and Past, President Taylor and many of our community members for Dr. McNeil's dedication and commitment to the wellbeing of not only our children's mental health but also their physical safety. Ms. Ruggerio expressed her sincere appreciation for all of her commitment and to our children.

Chair Benton Thanked Ms. Ruggerio. Superintendent Kristen McNeil expressed her gratitude to Ms. Lisa Ruggerio. Dr. McNeil mentioned that they have been through a lot together and Ms. Ruggerio's love and passion for all the students and staff have always inspired her. Dr. McNeil also thanked Ms. Ruggerio for everything she has done and continues doing for the community. Chair Benton presented Dr. McNeil with a plaque of appreciation from the Commission. Chair Benton read the remarks on the plaque "For your unwavering support and unrelenting guidance to the Washoe County School District Safe and Healthy Schools Commission you are being honored with appreciation and gratitude". Dr. McNeil thanked everyone. Chair Benton also mentioned that it was very important to say that Dr. McNeil has been here since the beginning as well as Commissioners Misty Vaughan Allen, Charlene Bybee and Amber Joiner. Chair Benton also mentioned that Commissioner Amber Joiner would be leaving the SHSC Committee and mentioned that today would be her last meeting as a commissioner. Chair Benton stated that these were some of the people that really paved the way along with Dr. McNeil. Chair Benton mentioned that when he joined the commission in 2018, it was a very nerve wrecking experience, and it was Dr. McNeil's guidance and help that were appreciated. Chair Benton addressed the commission by saying that they were losing a true ally but hoped to see her one day on this commission.

Commissioner Bybee mentioned that she really echoed both Ms. Ruggerio's and Chair Benton's comments. Commissioner Bybee went on to say that she is one of the original members left on this committee. She mentioned that she volunteered for this committee before her election to office. She mentioned that she had volunteered

because this was something near and dear to her heart and her community. Commissioner Bybee went on to say that it was the Sparks Middle School Shooting that made her realize she needed to be part of this committee. She thanked Dr. McNeil for all of her support and guidance. She went on to describe how the Safe and Healthy Schools Commission first began and what the priorities were at that time. She described the first priority task being the hardening of our schools and the priorities being columbine locks, single point of entries, and making sure that the schools had perimeter fencing. Anything that could be done to increase safety. Commissioner Bybee mentioned that all of this planning really put the SHSC Committee ahead of the game and mentioned that when it came time to have the safety audit which is where a nationally recognized group comes to look at the work that has been put into secure our schools, Washoe County School District was ahead of everyone else. Commissioner Bybee spoke about the Uvalde Texas Shooting, and how being on this commission she immediately began to wonder about the safety plans that had been in place at that school. She mentioned that in recent years mental health has been a very important aspect that has been included as an important part of this committee.

Commissioner Misty Vaughan Allen thanked Commissioner Bybee for her eloquent words. Commissioner Vaughan Allen began to say that it has been a privilege to learn from Dr. McNeil. She expressed her gratitude towards Dr. McNeil for her ongoing support with mental health. Commissioner Vaughan Allen mentioned that Suicide Prevention is her passion and is thankful of Dr. McNeil being there and allowing her team to be a support for Commissioner Vaughan Allen. She wished her well deserved rest and relaxation.

Chair Benton called for further comment regarding appreciation of Dr. Kristen McNeil. Commissioner Amber Joiner went on to say that as a founding member herself and having seen what this group has gone through the last seven years, she has been very appreciative of all the work and dedication Dr. McNeil has given the commission. Chair Benton went on to say that if there was no further comment from any of the members of the committee, he would be turning it over to Dr. McNeil.

Superintendent Kristen McNeil thanked Chair Scott Benton. Dr. McNeil began by saying that every superintendent has a wonderful team and when she became superintendent, she turned over the position of Staff Liaison to Dr. Paul LaMarca. Dr. McNeil mentioned that Dr. LaMarca has been such a stellar light in helping that this commission moves forward. Dr. McNeil thanked Dr. LaMarca, as well as the secretarial staff and legal. She also thanked the Chair and the Commissioners for all their work and dedication. Dr. McNeil also thanked the Board of Trustees who absolutely believe in all the work that the SHSC Commission does.

2.03 DISCUSSION OF WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TIERED PRACTICES AND INTERVENTIONS THAT BUILD AND SUPPORT SCHOOL CLIMATE AND IMPACT STUDENT ACADEMIC LEARNING (DISCUSSION ONLY)

Dr. Paul LaMarca, Chief Strategies Officer presented and thanked the Commission and Superintendent Dr. McNeil for the opportunity to present. Dr. LaMarca also personally

thanked Dr. McNeil for all of her support. Dr. LaMarca went on to say that what he would be presenting is almost a summary to some of the things that have been talked about in the last couple of years. Dr. LaMarca mentioned the MTSS Processes with the hope that this would lead us to the following agenda item, Community Schools. Dr. LaMarca mentioned that children these days especially with the pandemic suffer a number of stressors or they have to cope with a number of stressors that can unfortunately result in poor attendance disruptive behavior, substance use and abuse and emotional dysregulation. He mentioned that all of these things are related to poor academic achievement. Dr. LaMarca said that when we talk about school climate and student learning, in order for kids to learn or to optimize their opportunity to learn they have to feel safe and secure in their environment. He mentioned that feeling safe meant both physically and emotionally. Dr. LaMarca discussed the power point presentation on school climate and student learning. He mentioned that when we support attendance, we are also supporting mental health as well as academic achievement. When we support mental health, we are also supporting behavior. All of these things are not separate, they are all part of one whole. Dr. LaMarca went on to discuss other items that have been discussed in the couple of years. He discussed school climate practices being Equity and Diversity while inclusion being Instructional Practice. Dr. LaMarca mentioned that as District, all of these are looked upon through our multi-Tiered systems of support framework. Dr. LaMarca also spoke about the MTSS tier of supports, beginning with Tier 1 which includes all the practices we do for children every day. Dr. LaMarca mentioned that most everyone is aware that some of the students will not respond well to Level 1 core practices which will then require extra strategies and or interventions.

He mentioned that these extra levels of support regularly happen in Tier 2. If a child continues to struggle, then the support moves up to Tier 3. Dr. LaMarca spoke about Tier 1 practices being relationship and family capacity building practices such as home visits, positive phone calls, morning circles and other restorative practices that are designed to build the classroom. Dr. LaMarca spoke about Tier 2 practices being when staff should already be responding to the student's needs because the student has not responded well to Tier 1 Practices. He provided an example of Tier 2 Practices being Discipline at the Door. He explained that this is when instead of sending a student to the office for Disciplinary issues, staff from the office are sent to the classroom to see the child. Staff meets with the child outside the classroom, and this allows for the child to get right back in front of the teacher. Dr. LaMarca mentioned that instruction matters, and we would like to make sure that students are in front of teachers as much as possible. Dr. LaMarca then discussed Tier 3 Practices. He mentioned that these are very specialized interventions such as one to one behavior support, therapeutic support and threat assessment. He spoke about staffing and how every employee is involved in the social and emotional learning of each child. Dr. LaMarca mentioned many of the specialized positions we have within the district.

Commissioner Charlene Bybee had a question regarding staffing and asked how many of the professionals that were mentioned during staffing were on site at the schools, and if these professionals are only at the High School Level. She also asked if the others were located at the administration building. Commissioner Bybee also asked

how it was determined to have them on site and how many schools were being served directly.

Dr. Paul LaMarca responded to commissioners Bybee's question by saying that the SEL Specialists are at the district level. Currently there is only four that support all of our schools. Dr. LaMarca mentioned that were some schools that through specific funding such as Title 1 have created their own SEL Positions. Behavior Technicians and Board-Certified Behavior Analysts are at the District level, and we currently have five BCBAS and three others that are Behavior Technician's. They support all of our schools. Currently there is heavy support for special education. School counselors are in every building. Elementary school level typically has only one counselor on site while most middle and high schools have a couple of counselors on site. Dr. LaMarca said that currently we have two Crisis counselors that are at the district level. These crisis counselors work mainly with Roy Anderson and respond to schools when we have a crisis. Safe School professionals are at most of our buildings but not all. Dr. LaMarca mentioned that there are a handful of schools that have opted to not have that kind of support and instead have partnered with community and schools.

Commissioner Bybee asked how a student was able to access the services of those professionals that were at a District level? Dr. Paul LaMarca responded by saying that these services are brought to the students. He spoke about the Universal referral system and mentioned that a school can request support for a child relative to attendance, behavior, and or mental health.

2.04 DISCUSSION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FULL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS MODEL AND POTENTIAL FUTURE FEDERAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF FULL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (DISCUSSION ONLY)

Chair Benton opened item 2.04 and introduced Rechelle Murillo, Director of Intervention. Rechelle Murillo introduced Dr. Jennifer McClendon, UNR College of Education & Human Development and Dr. Sam Ehrenreich, Assistant Professor at the UNR College of Education and Human Development.

Ms. Murillo mentioned that would be presenting on full community schools and the family stability pilot project. She mentioned that they have been doing this work within the school district and our community partners since 2018.

Dr. Sam Ehrenreich began by saying that he wanted to begin my giving an overview of what the Community Schools Model was. He mentioned that the easiest way to describe it was the school being the central hub for all the student and family's needs. He mentioned that some of these services or needs would include all the services that are already provided to students but also adding services such as job training or nutrition for parents. He mentioned that often these looks like co-located services, such as mental, dental or medical health. It really comes down to an emphasis to using the school as a hub for all these different services. Dr. Ehrenreich mentioned that they form part of the Family Stable Partnership which is a broad group Washoe County School District staff and UNR Staff and Faculty but also a wide range of service providers within the community.

Dr. Ehrenreich mentioned that the Family Stability Project is working to collaborate monthly to identify needs at three schools. These three schools include Sparks MS, Desert Skies MS, and O'Brien MS. They are hoping to apply for a Full-Service Community Grant for the 3 pilot schools (Spring 2022) in collaboration with the University of Nevada, Reno. He mentioned that the reason they are working with these three schools is because they have seen a higher demonstrated need along with engaged and interested Principals who view this model as useful and important. He mentioned that they have been working with families to include their voices and really getting to know how they can best support them. They do this by holding listening session in both English and Spanish at these schools.

Dr. Sam Ehrenreich then spoke about upcoming grant opportunity for Federal Funding of the Full-Service Community Schools. He mentioned that the Department of Education has full-service community schools support mechanism. Previously this grant was \$ 30 million dollars which now has increased to \$ 75 million dollars. This funding is to really build out the resources of these three schools.

Dr. Jennifer McClendon spoke about the essential components of this federal grant application. One essential piece of this programming is that there must be a full-time coordinator at each of these school sites. This coordinator will do nothing else but oversee and manage all the community relationships. These relationships include parents, school leaders, and community partners. Dr. McClendon spoke about the four pillars of the community school's model. She mentioned the four pillars being Integrated Community Supports, Expanded learning time and opportunities, Active Family and Community Engagement and Collaborative Leadership and Practice. Dr. McClendon went on to explain each of the four pillars beginning with Integrated Community Supports which is the child approach to learning. It is the idea that hungry children struggle to learn as well as children who are unhoused struggle to learn. The focus is what can be done to support the child and family in order to get them prepared to learn. Dr. McClendon explained the meaning of Pillar Two, Expanded Learning time and Opportunities. Pillar two is mainly focused on school programming for children and families. Pillar Three active Family and Community Engagement represents interaction among families, administration and teachers. The purpose is to become more involved in the decisions about their children's education. The Fourth Pillar is Collaborative Leadership and Practices. Dr. McClendon went on to say that this could be a real challenge regardless of the occupation. There needs to an intentional plan for working towards sharing leadership between parents, students, teachers, Principals and Community Partners. Dr. McClendon mentioned that this an evidence-based model. This means that research has demonstrated that it has a lot of positive outcomes for kids, families and communities. If the school became the central hub, families would have access to community services, adult education and other supports

Dr. McClendon explained that they are in a current need of additional partnerships and resources at school sites. She is hoping that each of the schools they partner with will have an unique set of needs and an unique set of ideas for what they are hoping to accomplish in their schools. She explained that through the listening sessions they have learned that there is a tremendous need for accessible mental health services and out of school time programming, particularly for middle school aged children. Dr.

McClendon mentioned that they are also looking to develop some champions for full-service community schools.

Chair Benton thanked both for presenting and asked the committee if they had any questions. Commissioner Jessica Goicochea, asked about the length of the grant for which they are applying for.

Dr. McClendon responded by saying that the length of the grant would be for about 5 years. Commissioner Jessica Goicochea expressed her excitement to learn the outcome of this grant. Commissioner Natalie Sanchez mentioned that they were a community partner and she was wondering what the best contact would be to formalize some things. Dr. McClendon responded by saying that if she wanted to work with them on the planning process, she was able to email her for more information.

Dr. Sam Ehrenreich mentioned that the entire goal of this model should not be a complex question. He mentioned that if this would have been funded there would have been a specific person to connect with.

Commissioner Liz Flores asked if there would be any other positions funded by this grant besides the full time coordinator position? Dr. Sam Ehrenreich replied by saying that currently they are only applying to have full time coordinators but there is a possibility to have part time after school care. He also mentioned that they would also be announcing this to current UNR students. These would include undergraduate students to students with masters or doctoral level students. Any student looking for internship work in this field.

Commissioner Charlene Bybee asked how the Full Service Community Schools are any different from the current Family Resource Centers located at many of our school sites? Dr. Jennifer McClendon responded to this question by saying that these would allow the schools that are already doing tremendously good work continue doing so. It would help them be more organized and efficient. Dr. McClendon asked Rechelle Murillo to also give her input. Ms. Murillo agreed with Commissioner Bybee when it came to the amount of work already being done in the Family Resource Centers and Community in schools. She mentioned that this specific program would allow for expansion and also strengthen partnerships. This would then allow the schools to become the hub of Co-Locating direct services. She specified that family resource centers are a good area to seek help with local resources but some things like Mental Health referrals are not available in these resource centers.

Commissioner Bybee mentioned that she is able to see how this program will benefit and provide additional resources to the centers and community schools. She mentioned that at the end of the day this will help our communities become stronger for residents and children.

Commissioner Liz Flores asked if there were models in the country where there's been some institutionalization where it's been built in and broaden statewide?

Dr. Jennifer McClendon responded by saying that she becomes a little intimidated when looking at state wide models because Nevada is still not there yet. She mentioned that

California is moving towards a statewide model, and they have put a lot of money in their State Government towards further development of Community Schools. She mentioned that this started with federal grants similar to the ones they are currently working on. Dr. McClendon mentioned that New York is another place that is also working towards this.

Chair Benton asked aside from funding what do they see as some of the challenges they might face? He also asked when the RFP process would be out and what does that look like.

Dr. McClendon replied by saying that the RFP is going to come out any day now. She mentioned that they would have a minimum of 60 days to respond to the RFP which would allow them to take the summer to work on it. She mentioned that they had actually applied for this about a year ago and due to the change in Presidential administrations they had cancelled the funding opportunity after they had written the grant. She mentioned that they already have all the information in place for what this grant proposal will look like and they also have the support from their Community Partners. All that would need to be done is update and re-do some of the work.

Dr. Sam Ehrenreich mentioned that as far as challenges go, it is very important to develop a sustainable model so that you are not proposing something that will immediately disappear in five years when the funding goes away. It is important to think about it as capacity building in the term of using these funds to build up schools and build family capacity. Ideally you would get to a point where family involvement is self- sustainable.

Chair Benton mentioned that he thinks that it is very important for the community to buy into this work for it to be successful and sustainable. He asked what else would be important in the sustainability of this program? He mentioned there are three very different middle schools and he does not believe that one trait of sustainability will work for all three schools.

Dr. Sam Ehrenreich responded by saying that the sustainability is about tailoring it to the schools. He feels that by doing this there will be a community buy in.

Superintendent McNeil mentioned that this initiative goes beyond one stop shopping, because one stop shopping is still isolated. She said that the beauty of this system is that it is actually integrated and all of the pillars are integrated. She also mentioned that it is usually when the student is in middle school that you are able to see a decline in parent participation and parent engagement.

Chair Benton asked how can the commission support them with this process?

Rechelle Murillo, Director of Intervention responded by saying that they are currently looking for champions to help support their work.

2.05 DISCUSSION OF THE 2022 SAFETY FORUM WHICH WAS HELD ON MAY 4, 2022 AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE FORMAT AND TOPICS FOR FUTURE SAFETY FORUMS. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Chair Benton asked for Megan Downs, Communications Manager present on this item.

Megan Downs, Washoe County School District Communications Manager mentioned that the virtual safety forum which was held on May 4th had three sessions. The first session was the early 7 am with about 20 attendees, the noon session had about 40 attendees with the 5:00 pm session having about 45 attendees. Megan mentioned that an evaluation survey had been provided in the chat at the end of every session. She said that they only received about 22 responses. She also discussed the survey results with the Commissioners including an overview of suggestions for topics next year.

Chair Benton asked the Commissioners if any of them had any feedback.

Commissioner Liz Flores asked if there was a way to look at the attendance numbers of when these Safety Forums were being held in person. Ms. Downs replied by saying that she estimated about 30 – 50 people had attended the safety forums when these were being done in person, once per year

Commissioner Misty Vaughan Allen mentioned that she believed that this format worked well with busy families and busy presenters She thanked them all for their wonderful presentations. She mentioned she got to listen to mostly all of them. Commissioner Vaughan Allen said that she believed the only issue was not marketing early enough. She recommended earlier marketing with the hopes of attracting a wider audience.

Chair Benton asked Dr. Paul LaMarca if there was a limit currently as to how many times these Safety Forums could be held? He asked if there was a way to do one in person and the other virtual.

Dr. Paul LaMarca, Chief Strategies Officer responded by saying that he believes it might be a good idea to have these quarterly, always and when bandwidth is available. He said they would have to be careful about support from staff. He brought up the possibility of working alongside Parent University and seeing what opportunities were available there.

Chair Benton mentioned that there is no action to be taken on this item and asked to make a motion to accept what Ms. Megan Downs had presented. He also mentioned that it would form part of public record. Chair Benton then moved on to item 2.06.

2.06 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO FINALIZE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR SAFE AND HEALTHY SCHOOLS COMMISSION FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR. (POSSIBLE ACTION)

Chair Benton asked the Commission to brainstorm goals He mentioned that over the years, the Committee has shifted from the safety aspect of the schools to the Mental Health aspect during the pandemic. He asked for feedback regarding the need for Safety Forums.

Commissioner Lt. Scott Caldwell spoke about the reason why he had joined the Commission and mentioned that he would like to see more discussion/research on how to physically make the schools safer. He mentioned he would never want to recommend something without being willing to roll his sleeves up and be part of the heavy lifting in terms of really taking a look at what could be done better. He mentioned that he see's a

lot of things that he believes we could do better. He mentioned that things could already be in place but there isn't a lot of standardization.

Chair Benton thanked Commissioner Scott Caldwell for his suggestion. He also mentioned that prior to the pandemic the Safe and Healthy Schools Committee had a national safety expert who would come and present frequently at least twice a year.

Commissioner Charlene Bybee mentioned that the number one priority is to look at what our status is when it comes to the school's safety enhancements that have been made for the last eight years. She would like to know where Washoe County School District stands in Single Point entries and columbine locks. In addition to the hardening of our schools what are the policies and procedures? She would eventually like to see an update and the results of the audit.

Commissioner Natalie Sanchez agreed with Commissioner Bybee with what she said about beginning with where we are as a District and looking at what we already have in place. She mentioned that she has heard from a lot of parents in the last couple of weeks with what has happened, a lot of fear. Same goes to kids that are afraid to go to school or even do drills. She agrees with the idea of doing something quarterly, she feels that this would show that we care and show momentum that we are part of this community.

Commissioner Jessica Goicochea would also like to see the idea of looking at how they can organize something quarterly and maybe choose one of those to be held in person. She also mentioned that she joined this commission because of the Mental Health of the students along with Fentanyl awareness which was a big part of what she was doing last year. She feels it is very important to include families.

Commissioner Bybee mentioned that she decided to be part of this committee after the Sparks Middle School Shooting. She spoke about how important incident reviews were and how important it is to review these and create procedures to make things better and become stronger.

Commissioner Amber Joiner mentioned that she agreed with the email they received from Phil Kaiser about Single Point of Entries in high schools and the lack of security for the portable classrooms. She mentioned that the teachers she has talked to constantly say that they do not feel safe. She hopes that they can continue addressing the high school situation. She also spoke about reassessing the temporary alternative placement. She mentioned that it is time to look at it and see if it is wrong.

Commissioner Darin Ballam mentioned that he would like to see how they are able to get an assessment of where the district stands and how they can work with the schools to implement scenarios. He would like to know how it is possible to teach the students to be safe and secure.

Chair Benton thanked the Commissioners for their questions and called upon Roy Anderson, Emergency Manager, to ask about a follow up on the Safety Assessment.

Roy Anderson mentioned that there had been multiple assessments conducted originally by the Safe and Healthy Schools Commission in 2019. There was a new legislation that

required a school safety specialist to be adopted at every district. He mentioned that because of the size of the district they had to hire an individual, Michael Perry. He had conducted 32 safety assessments this past school year and mentioned that they are currently working on an executive summary to present to Dr. McNeil and the Board.

Commissioner Lt. Scott Caldwell made a recommendation to possibly begin safety drills at the schools.

Commissioner Natalie Sanchez asked if the Committee were to move forward in looking into performing these drills, she would also like to see research of what happens to kids who go through these drills and the impact of sitting through one of these.

Chair Benton asked for Public Comment, No public comment on this item. Chair Benton moved to item 3.01 Public comment in which he mentioned at the beginning of the meeting that he would be reopening at the end.

3. CLOSING ITEMS

3.01 PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was received via email from the following Joe Morabito, Phil Kaiser, and Trustee Jeff Church. Public Comment was also received by Trustee Mayberry.

Trustee Mayberry Introduced himself letting the Commission know he is a Trustee representing District F which is one of the two at large districts. Representing essentially The eastern half of the county. He mentioned that all the Trustees are sort of splitting up duties and coming to all the Boards and Commissions and thanking for the Service, commitment and time that has been put into this committee. He said that he found out that a lot of the Board and Commissions often "fly below" the radar unless you are on the Sheriff's Committee. Trustee Mayberry expressed a personal comment about dropping off his two daughters at their schools. He mentioned that he has always been mindful of the world we live in today and he hopes and prays that they do not experience or see or become a part of an act of violence. He went on to say that the work that SHSC does is absolutely and critically important. He asked the committee to continue building upon the successes that the school district has had when it comes to the security and the social emotional needs of our children.

Public Comment was also received by Cherie Jamason. Ms. Jamason spoke about the needs of children and families. Her concern was focused on the highly elevated costs in our community and across the nation. One of her main concerns was the lack of mental health care and medical care that a lot of these families have to endure. This is causing a strain on these families. She also spoke about the importance of the community working together to broaden the services offered to families in our community.

3.02 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Chair Benton stated the next meeting of the Safe and Healthy Schools is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2022, in the Board Room at 425 E. Ninth Street, Reno, NV 89512.

3.03 MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no more business, Chair Benton adjourned the meeting at 3:54 PM