



WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SAFE AND HEALTHY SCHOOLS MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2023

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Safe and Healthy Schools Committee was called to order at 2:00 P.M.

1.02 Roll Call

Chair, Scott Benton opened the meeting as Vice Chair Natalie Sanchez was appearing virtually. He asked recording secretary to take roll.

Chair Scott Benton, Vice-Chair Natalie Sanchez (V), Commissioners, Charlene Bybee, Elizabeth Florez, Leanne McCulley Larson (V), Peg Samples, Misty Vaughan Allen, Jessica Goicoecha (V), Sarah Porter, Rhonda Lawrence were present at roll call. Commissioners Darin Balaam, Loraine Benuto, Lt. Scott Caldwell, and Student Representative Zara Darby were absent. Dr. Paul LaMarca, Committee Staff Liaison was also present.

2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION

2.01 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 5, 2022, MEETING OF THE SAFE AND HEALTHY SCHOOLS COMMISSION (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Chair Benton opened item 1.03, Pledge of Allegiance and asked for Ms. Katherine Loudon, Counseling Coordinator for Washoe County School District to lead the Committee in the Pledge in honor of National School Counselor Week. All Committee Members recited the pledge of allegiance. Chair Benton thanked Ms. Katherine Loudon and mentioned that he was asked to re-arrange the agenda to accommodate Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield who had to attend another meeting. Chair Benton stated that the order in which the Committee would proceed. He stated that they would first begin with item 2.01 which was approval of the minutes, then items 2.05, 2.06 and 2.04 if this was ok with the Commission.

Commissioner Liz Florez mentioned that her name had not been called during Roll Call. Chair Benton moved on to item 2.01 which was the approval of the minutes from the December 5, 2022 meeting of the Safe and Healthy Schools Commission. Chair Benton asked for Public Comment, no public comment at this time. Commissioner Charlene Bybee asked for clarification on the re-arrangement of the agenda for today's meeting. Chair Benton provided clarification to Commissioner Charlene Bybee regarding the items on the agenda for today's meeting.

On motion by Charlene Bybee, second by Misty Vaughan Allen the Safe and Healthy Schools Committee approved minutes of the December 5, 2022, minutes as presented. (Yea: Chair Scott Benton, Vice-Chair Natalie Sanchez (V), Commissioners, Charlene Bybee, Elizabeth Florez, Leanne McCulley Larson (V), Peg Samples, Misty Vaughan Allen, Jessica Goicoecha (V), Sarah Porter, Rhonda Lawrence. Final Resolution: Motion Carries 10-0

2.05 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE SAFE AND HEALTHY SCHOOLS COMMISSION'S ROLE IN PROVIDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGARDING SCHOOL SAFETY IN THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT(FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION)

Chair Benton invited Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield to present item 2.05 to the Committee along with Dr. Paul LaMarca, Chief Strategies Officer. Dr. Paul LaMarca began the presentation by reminding the Committee of the goals and objectives they had set for themselves during this past December meeting. As a part of setting these goals and objectives, Dr. LaMarca mentioned that one of their concerns was needing to know what the Board expected from the Committee. He went on to say that when it came to helping keep our schools safe, the Committee was doing exactly that and they were on the right track. Dr. LaMarca said that Kids have to feel a sense of belonging in order to optimize learning and that staff also need to feel safe. Families also need to feel welcomed. All of these things play an essential role in both the safety, both physical and social emotional of students.

Dr. LaMarca mentioned that the Commission has had quite a variety of presentations and conversations around physical safety such as single point of entry. He mentioned to the Commissioners that they would also be receiving a little bit of information about the current Safety Audits that have occurred at schools. He also mentioned the presentation the Committee had regarding Safe Routes to School. Dr. LaMarca mentioned that we have a variety of staff that in schools that help keep our kids safe. He moved on to talk about Social Emotional learning and how the Commission has already discussed a variety of processes regarding this. Some of those being MTSS, The SEL Curriculum. Dr. LaMarca spoke about school safety teams that focus on emotional health and past presentations on Threat Assessments and Practices that take place within our buildings that help keep kids safe. Dr. LaMarca said that one of the things that needs to be worked on the most is engagement efforts including families in a variety of ways.

Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield added that she wanted to ask the Commissioners if they had seen a message, she had put out last Thursday to all staff around some of the steps the district is taking around some of the concerns regarding safety. Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield mentioned that a large portion of this is training. She stated that currently everything is being done from a preventive standpoint, but not every we are not able to prevent every single instance from happening and because of this she would really want to redouble the efforts and invest in staff's ability to be as prepared as possible to de-escalate or mitigate these situations. Dr. Enfield mentioned that there would be a schedule being released on this planning process and training

offered to all staff. Dr. LaMarca mentioned that the Commission had established goals and objectives at their last meeting. He stated that the Commission had agreed to partner with Parent University and with Family School Partnerships. Dr. LaMarca said that they had agreed to look through the catalog of offerings through Parent University and work towards developing a toolkit that will be used to help families and students know how to keep safe within our schools. Another goal he mentioned was that it was important to build an understanding between hard measures and soft measures in keeping kids safe both physically as well as Social/Emotional. Dr. LaMarca provided an example of training around de-escalation techniques and mentioned that this would be more of a softer strategy that wouldn't be considered punitive, or disciplinary. This would be a great way to calm down an environment and bring social emotional help at that moment.

Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield mentioned that she was currently working Dr. Paul LaMarca, Trish Shaffer, MTSS Coordinator and National Partners to create a cohesive strategy for ways that supports can be provided to staff to feel strong and ready to face challenges that we are currently seeing.

Dr. Paul LaMarca mentioned that another goal that had been discussed had been to possibly review the Training Calendar. He spoke about the Safety Forum and how this would be discussed a little bit more at today's meeting. Dr. LaMarca also mentioned Policy revision and making recommendations to the Board. He stated that this has not been done a lot in the last couple of years but it would be something that they could begin to do as a commission. Dr. LaMarca stated that there would be a Board meeting in March and he would like the Board of Trustees to know where the Safe and Healthy Schools Commission is headed. He said that either he, Chair Benton or Vice Chair Natalie Sanchez would be able to represent the Commission and make comments to the Board at that time. Dr. LaMarca said that other Committees are far more action oriented and this is the reason why they have had more opportunities to go the Board to make recommendations on actions such as the Zoning Committee. He mentioned that if the Committee requested it they would be able to meet with the Board at least once a year to bring forward recommendations.

Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield added that she wanted to ask the Commission how she was able to be a good partner for them. She asked if she was able to offer support in coordinating the upcoming Safety Forum. She mentioned to the Commission that she wanted them all to know that they had support, and she was happy to do anything they needed to help advance in goals and objectives.

Commissioner Misty Vaughan Allen shared her appreciation to both and expressed her gratitude in knowing that the District was focusing on Staff support.

Commissioner Charlene Bybee agreed with Commissioner Vaughan Allen's comment and shared history of her years with the Commission. She spoke about the support she has seen and how the Commission has evolved in the work that has been done in recent years. She spoke about how recent studies have demonstrated our District to be far ahead compared to other school districts.

Chair Scott Benton commented and said that the School District has always been a good partner for them. He mentioned that the district had been very advantageous in promoting the Safety Forum and providing the Safety Forum with the Safety Experts within the District and the County. Chair Benton also mentioned that some of the current Commissioners on the Committee had also served as experts in the past. He spoke directly to the Commissioners saying that the District under Superintendent's Dr. Susan Enfield's leadership was willing to support and leverage what they really wanted within the community. He expressed his gratitude to Dr. Enfield.

Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield thanked both Commissioners for their comments and welcomed the Commissioners to attend the upcoming Board Meeting. She stated that she wanted to make sure that they understood the representation would be directly coming from either the Chair or Vice Chair of the Committee but still welcomed all the other Commissioners to attend the March 14th Board Meeting. Dr. Susan Enfield also spoke about the upcoming Strategic Planning Process and how this would allow the district to lay out the plan for the next 3-5 years. Dr. Enfield mentioned that although she did not know exactly what priorities and goals they would end up with, she would be shocked if she did not see "Belonging, Safety and School Culture as not ending up being part of those goals". She would want to see one of the goals be something that will clearly tie in with the purpose of the Commission. Dr. Susan Enfield also mentioned that she has heard a lot of conversations within the community with concerns related to school safety. She stated that she wanted this next comment to be made public and address that she does take every single incident very seriously. She wants our staff, students, and families to feel safe. Dr. Enfield mentioned that this is something that needs to be done as part of a communal effort in partnership with our staff, students, and communities. She also stated that she is aware of how some are portraying what is happening within our schools right now in a way that is not entirely accurate. Dr. Enfield went on to say that we have extraordinarily dedicated staff and an amazing central office team of people who support school staff to address incidents when they arise.

Chair Benton thanked Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield and asked for any other questions or comments from the Commission before moving on to item 2.06. Hearing no other comments/questions Chair Benton closed item 2.05 and moved on to item 2.06, inviting Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield, Chief Strategies Officer Paul LaMarca, and Chief of School Police Jason Trevino to present.

2.06 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE CARE SOLACE AND CETEGIX PROGRAM BENEFITS TO SUPPORT STUDENT SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY WITHIN SCHOOLS (FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY)

Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield began by explaining how ESSER dollars allow for the District to make investments in areas of need that are identified in the district. She stated that based on what they have heard from people, and on own research she believes that the next two investments that will be shared with them will really go a long way in improving the Safety and the access to Mental Health and Emotional Supports that staff and students need.

Dr. LaMarca began by talking about Care Solace. He said that he is using their name because they are on the Agenda for the next upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting. He explained that they have not yet selected a vendor, but they would be using them an example of what they might be able to bring to the district. Dr. LaMarca explained that Care Solace is a Health Service Coordinator Platform. Dr. LaMarca mentioned that as discussed in the past they all know that there is a current need for mental health support within our communities and schools and much more now after the pandemic. He explained how finding support can be challenging especially when being faced with so barriers. These barriers could include transportation barriers, insurances barriers. He explained that Care Solace is a type of program designed to take the leg work out as long as a referral is made, they will do all they can to solidify an opportunity. Dr. LaMarca explained that all staff, school counselors, and students will have access to this platform. He said that this would be an access point for people that are insured or underinsured and an effort is made to identify a place where they are able to seen within 24 hours. Dr. LaMarca explained that appointments are made, and families can do things such as choose telehealth vs. in person if transportation becomes an issue. He explained that they have been successful in many locations across the nation and are currently successful in Clark County.

Chief of School Police Mr. Jason Trevino introduced himself and began discussing the Centegix Software Program. He mentioned that the school district had not yet selected a system and nothing has been purchased at this point. He did clarify that they were currently in the research phase. Mr. Trevino explained that they were wanting to look into a system that would be staff initiated. He explained that this would be an added layer of security system that is currently in place and provide each staff member with an opportunity or possibility to contact help if it were needed. He explained that the system they are currently looking at is a very simple system where every staff member would be able to wear it. It is a keycard that the staff member would wear along with their regular staff ID. This keycard would allow the staff member to summon for help with a system designed to be dual function. Mr. Trevino explained that dual function means that the call for help could be either a localized emergency such as a medical emergency that needs additional staff members to respond or an immediate call for law enforcement response. Mr. Trevino explained that this key card would have a button that would be able to do both of these things. The idea behind this system would be that it is completely interdependent of the other systems in place at our schools or buildings, meaning that if the phone service was down it would not impact the use of

this layer of security. Mr. Trevino explained that this would be extremely beneficial and helpful in situations where students/staff may be outside of the school buildings such as in sports events, PE, Band Practice.

Dr. Paul LaMarca mentioned that the Care Solace Piece would be going to the Board on March 14th and we will have to wait and see if they enable us to enter into contract. He stated that the Staff Initiated System might be presented shortly after. The next step would then be to offer training support to all Principals, Counselors, and staff members on the use of both of these and go from there. This would also be part of the plan that Dr. Susan Enfield spoke about.

Commissioner Charlene Bybee asked for clarification on the how the Centegix system worked. Chief of School Police Jason Trevino explained that the key card button is very tactile and the only way it would be activated is if a staff member were to press the button three times, it would summon for local help, if the button was to be pressed continuously then that would be redirected to the dispatch center. He explained that even if it bumped accidentally, it would not set off any type of help. Mr. Trevino also explained that the card would vibrate providing the person requesting help feedback that the call for help has been initiated. Mr. Trevino spoke about the lights within our buildings and the meanings for those. He stated that if this system were to be implemented, call lights would also be installed throughout the building and alert staff when a localized alert is initiated. Mr. Trevino also stated that the call alert system has a feature to it where it pinpoints the location of the card within fifteen feet. He provided an example saying that if he were to initiate the alert on the football field and if this were to move towards another direction, another staff member would also be able to initiate their alert. This would allow dispatch to monitor the alert and the last location of where it was initiated. He also said that this card is also not dependent on one site location. The card itself would be registered to its owner and if there were a problem outside of the normal location as long as it is within that geofence built around schools or buildings will alert dispatch of where the incident is taking place.

Chair Benton called upon Commissioner Rhonda Lawrence. He stated that after Commissioner Rhonda Lawrence, Commissioner Sarah Porter would be able to ask her question.

Commissioner Rhonda Lawrence wondered how Care Solace had built their Network of providers considering that she was struggling to find Licensed MFT, Certified Professional Counselors, Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors, and psychologists. She mentioned that if she was having problems understanding the system she could only imagine the parents trying to access assistance. She expressed her curiosity in learning and understanding about a program that promises something so amazing. Dr. Paul LaMarca thanked Commissioner Rhonda Lawrence for her question and responded by saying that this was something that they have also been very curious about. He said that this system has been built to the extent of knowing that some of these resources are disorganized. Dr. LaMarca provided examples of how other's have tried to put some of these resources together, but the information is constantly changing. He mentioned that this specific group has dedicated staff that are constantly building and working on these resources. He stated that they have a great track record.

Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield mentioned that when they had brought them in to talk with them, they had included other partners such as the Children's Cabinet and Renown. She stated that there is this interest in extending this service beyond the school district and turning this into a community wide resource. Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield said that no system is perfect but they will closely monitor this resource within the community and address any issues immediately. She stated that she was very optimistic and hoped that a program like this would reduce barriers that our community is faced with.

Dr. Paul LaMarca provided an example of how the Care Solace Referral program works. He stated that if a counselor submits a referral, the parent will be connected with what is called a Care Liaison or a chaperone. This person will be responsible for finding all the possible resources based on a series of questions that will be answered by the parent. They will also be able to publish via their website an internal communication with a list of the top ten providers.

Commissioner Rhonda Lawrence said that she was very grateful for a program that could provide an updated list of mental health resources and possibly other resources to assist those in need. She stated how much she has struggled to find a list of resources that are updated frequently, and she liked the idea of having an internal communication with information on the top providers within our community.

Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield also mentioned that this system will also provide us with the top areas of need that people need to access. She mentioned that this will be incredibly informative for us. Commissioner Rhonda Lawrence mentioned that she thought that having analysis information that is up to date will really help in looking into other services such as EMDR, which assists with Trauma. She mentioned she would like to see a service like this offered as she feels that this is a good treatment option that has a lot of great evidence behind it. Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield responded by saying that they were going to rely on the expertise of individuals such as Commissioner Rhonda Lawrence's to move forward. She specified that she was ok with talking to the leadership team at Care Solace if gaps are noticed or to bring forward ideas of how the system could improve.

Chair Scott Benton called upon Commissioner Sarah Porter to comment. Commissioner Sarah Porter was curious on understanding how this program would work with people who do have insurance or are willing to pay cash but have urgent issues are unable to be on a wait list for a facility. Dr. Paul LaMarca responded by saying that this system was for everyone to access, but mainly served the needs of those that were underinsured or that are Medicaid eligible but had no idea where to go. This does not mean that a person with insurance is not able to access the service as they will help find providers who specifically accept the insurance that is being provided. If the person is cash pay and they do not wish to use their insurance, they can also use this service. Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield also added that if there was a particular individual who does have access to insurance and who has this type of urgency they will also be welcomed to contact a principal, or school counselor and they can help facilitate that.

Commissioner Sarah Porter wanted to know if the programs discussed today were two separate systems. Care Solace being for Mental Health and Centegix being for immediate need. Commissioner Porter asked if the Centegix program was able to be used in the event that there were an injury when playing sports such as football?

Chief of School Police, Mr. Jason Trevino replied by saying that this absolutely was for this use as well. He mentioned that Clark County has been using it this year and from the evidence collected it seems that they have used it more for non-physical emergencies. He specified that medical emergencies are someone choking on an apple in the cafeteria. This system will also address those worst-case scenarios, but most of the time will be used for those average, day to day in-house emergencies. Commissioner Sarah Porter asked if this system would be used throughout K-12 or specifically be used for High School? Mr. Jason Trevino responded by saying that this system would be used for K-12 and all Washoe County School District Buildings. All employees will be given the ability to call for service if needed.

Chair Benton called upon Vice Chair Natalie Sanchez. Due to audio difficulties, Vice Chair Natalie Sanchez was advised to type her question in the chat option through Microsoft Teams. Chair Scott Benton asked if the Bus Drivers were included in this program and if so, were they supposed to pull over on the side of the road to relay their emergency situation? Mr. Trevino, Chief of School Police responded by saying that the bus drivers would have access to this system but specified that if the bus traveled outside of the geofence the card wouldn't work but clarified that the buses are equipped with 800mhz to dispatch and are able to summon for help that way.

Chair Benton thanked Mr. Trevino for his response. He called upon Commissioner Misty Vaughan Allen. Commissioner Misty Vaugh Allen asked if there was an example of the list of network providers in Clark County that they were able to look at? She mentioned that she had worked on building resource lists in the past and understood the challenges to build one. Dr. Paul LaMarca responded by saying that he would look into getting access to a list. He mentioned that a list had been shown to them at the time when they first presented it in August. He said that due to the nature of the service they were providing, they had about 2,000 appointments within 24 hours of their first launch. Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield added that they would be more than happy to arrange for Care Solace to come in and give a presentation to the Commission. This would allow the Committee to see how they are working, answer questions and see if things could be done differently.

Recording Secretary Silvia Martinez read out loud the comment received by Vice- Chair Natalie Sanchez. Vice Chair Natalie Sanchez expressed her gratitude to everyone for their information and presentations. She mentioned that she was curious about Care Solace and wanted to know if they worked as a hub while also providing clinicians. She also wanted to know if they collaborate with local providers and or if they had their own network? Dr. Paul LaMarca responded by saying that they currently worked as a hub, and they do not have their own clinicians. He also said that they will partner with all the other clinicians in the Washoe County area and beyond and this will provide a great opportunity for options for telehealth.

Chair Scott Benton asked for any other questions/comments for the Commission. The Recording Secretary clarified that there were no questions or comments from any of the Commissioners online attending virtually. With no other comments/questions Chair Scott Benton closed item 2.06 and thanked all presenters.

2.04 DISCUSSION OF THE CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM PARENT INFORMATION CAMPAIGN, INCLUDING A DISCUSSION OF THE EFFECTS OF TRAUMA ON STUDENTS AND MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Chief Strategies Officer Paul LaMarca began the presentation by stating that this was something he wanted to present to them on since they decided to partner with Parent University as part of their goal statement the Committee had set during their December Meeting. He began to say that they had started working with Parent University, D'Lisa Crain and Rechelle Murillo in launching a Chronic Absenteeism Campaign. He did say that the word "Campaign" may not be used at the end but at the moment this is what it would be presented as. He explained that what they were presenting was just a draft document providing examples of some of the key principles that are being looked at. Dr. Paul LaMarca mentioned that this would be something that would be brought back to the Commission regularly because it would form part of the Committee's goal structure. He spoke about some of the things that were discussed during the December Meeting such as the associations between attendance and behavior, behavior and academics and mental health. Dr. LaMarca said that attendance is a huge issue and there is currently a lot of debate due to Chronic Absenteeism. He clarified that the definition of Chronic Absenteeism came from the Federal Government which says that if a student attends less than 90% of the time they are deemed to be chronically absent. If the student were to attend less than 80% of the time, they were deemed to be severely chronically absent. He stated that at the moment we are currently experiencing high rates of chronic absenteeism.

Dr. LaMarca explained why it is important to talk to parents about the importance of attendance. He mentioned that were some parents that believe that it was ok for a child to miss instruction under certain circumstances. He clarified that if a student is experiencing health or safety issues it was ok to stay home. He spoke about Attendance Works and data and some of the data analysis they have created. Dr. LaMarca said that if a student is chronically absent in Kindergarten, their performance is significantly lower in grade 5. He mentioned that if a student was chronically absent during sixth grade, the probability of graduating from High School declined precipitously. He explained that these were pivotal years where attendance is particularly important. He explained that one of the key messages that parents tend to think about is how resilient a kid can be. He explained that they are resilient because of the support network that surrounds them but they can't just rely on that resiliency. Parents cannot just assume that a kid will be ok and that they can make it and be fine. Dr. LaMarca explained that attendance issues are a signal of disengagement, and that this could also signify a problem of relationship. He said that a kid rarely do not want to attend because they do not want to but there could also be other things that are going on. Dr. LaMarca this is a very critical system that needs to be looked at and it is important to identify root causes and help parents understand how important regular

attendance is, especially in earlier grade levels. Dr. LaMarca explained the currently they have three groups being parents, teachers, educators and community partners. He stated that Education is a community issue and not just a school issue. He explained that the vibrancy of our community is dependent on kids in schools. Dr. LaMarca explained that this is a work in progress and mentioned that they currently have community partners that they will be working closely with.

Chair Scott Benton thanked Dr. LaMarca for sharing. Commissioner Rhonda Lawrence mentioned that she had some experience with supporting youth that were attending schools and or having difficulty attending school due to mental health diagnosis. Commissioner Rhonda Lawrence explained that she feels it is very important to not just educate or train on mental health awareness but also help people gain an understanding of it and through this build relationships through the community. Dr. LaMarca explained that this is critical, and this is why it was being brought to the Committee. He spoke about Co-located services, and how they have tried to embed more mental health support within some of our buildings. He explained how through our SARB process and Behavior Hearings, it has been possible to identify stressors often that include mental health. Dr. LaMarca mentioned that it is important to get to the root cause of the issue, and address it.

Commissioner Lawrence expressed her gratitude for all the information. Chair Scott Benton called upon Commissioner Sarah Porter

Commissioner Sarah Porter asked a question regarding absenteeism. She wanted to know how schools were documenting missing school for a full day vs. leaving school early for a dr. appointment. Dr. LaMarca responded by saying that missing one class period would be completely different than missing a complete day of instruction. A student wouldn't be counted as chronically absent for missing half a day vs a full day of instruction. He did specify that missing any class time still matters. Chair Benton asked for any other questions or comments from the Commissioners. With no other questions or comments, Chair Benton closed item 2.04 and moved to open item 2.02.

2.02 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE BE SMART FRAMEWORK, A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO HELP PARENTS NORMALIZE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT GUN SAFETY, INCLUDING PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Chair Benton opened item 2.02 and invited Kristen Swagman, Gene Gage, and Melissa Olsen to present.

Ms. Kristen Swagman introduced herself as a BE SMART volunteer. She mentioned that back in 2019 they had also shared some information with the Committee regarding the BE SMART program. Ms. Swagman began to share what BE SMART was and what the program was trying to accomplish. She clarified that the BE SMART was first and foremost a public education awareness campaign. They were not political and or policy oriented. She stated that they had two main goals, the first one to raise awareness around lifesaving importance of secure firearm storage and the second was to create a space for adults to have conversations about gun safety.

Ms. Swagman explained that these conversations were very tricky and they were trying to create a space for adults to have conversations about gun safety. Guns are a sensitive issue, and for some they can become an emotional issue. She explained that BE SMART was a research based program and that all the information that was going to be shared with the Committee was research based either from the field of public health, medical research and some of it being law enforcement data. Ms. Swagman said that BE SMART was for adults and it provided the tools needed to talk about guns and gun safety with kids. Ms. Melissa Olsen, also a presenter for BE SMART began to present and mentioned that she wanted to share three statements that were important to them. The first being that "Everyone had the right to make decisions about how to keep our families, homes and communities safe". The second being "We all want our kids to grow up healthy and happy", and the third being "If we can prevent even one child's gun death or injury, it is our responsibility to do so".

Ms. Olsen clarified that they were not there to talk about laws or policies. She explained to the Committee that it was very important to have secure storage. She said that this impacts safety in two ways. The first being that having secure storage can prevent guns being brought to schools. Ms. Olsen explained that about $\frac{3}{4}$ of school shooters acquired their guns from home or their parents or close relative according to Secret Service Data. She also explained that RGJ reported a total of 16 incidents of guns on campuses during the 21-22 school year. Three of these incidents were at High Schools, 10 at middle schools and 3 at an elementary school level. Ms. Olsen explained that another area that is significantly considered is when talking about the idea of self-harm. She said that access to a firearm can mean the difference between life and death when it came to a young person in crisis. Ms. Olsen said that about 90% of suicide attempts involving a firearm result in death. She mentioned that according to CDC Data an annual youth survey demonstrated that about 20% of high school students reported seriously considering suicide in the last year. In another survey about 41% of adolescents in gun owning households reported having easy access to guns in their homes.

Ms. Gene Gage also with BE SMART explained the definition of the "SMART". Ms. Gage explained that "S" stood for securing guns in homes and or vehicles. She clarified that hiding a gun does not mean that it is being secured. Ms. Gage also explained that about 13,000 households in this country with children have at least one gun and a third of those were unlocked and loaded. She explained that a gun should always be stored securely, this means that kids will not have access to those guns. "M" stood for Modeling responsible behavior. Per Ms. Gage this meant that every abiding citizen had the right to decide if they wanted to have a gun and that was ok, but it was important to secure the gun from curious kids and not allow them to find that weapon. "A" meant that we need to ask people. Ms. Gage said that it was our responsibility to ask questions when our children are visiting others in their homes. She explained that this could be a very difficult thing to ask but it is very important to do so. "R" meant Responsibility, and recognizing the role of guns in suicide. This included understanding the responsibility of storing this gun securely and being resourceful. "T" stood for Tell People. This meant spreading the message about BE SMART.

Ms. Kristen Swagman explained that the most common way they are able to share this

message is by hosting a table at different community events or in partnership with the Community Partners that they have worked with. She explained that this provided a space for them to share literature, and to have conversations with gun owners and non-gun owners alike about gun safety. Ms. Swagman explained that when they are able, they have handed out free gun locks. She explained that they were looking forward to presenting at the WCSO resource fair. She expressed her gratitude to the Sheriff for the invitation to this event. Ms. Swagman mentioned that they had shared presentations with UNR Med, Clark County Division of Children Family Resources, and recently they were able to present to Washoe County, which was a coalition of health care providers including Renown Children's Hospital. She mentioned that with the Commission's and school district support they would be able to work with Parent University. She mentioned that they were aware that the District has had some well attended events and she was curious to know how they would be able to possibly partner to provide more of the BE SMART framework to the community.

Commissioner Liz Florez expressed her gratitude for all the information received. And mentioned that at last year's safety forum they had presented a safety piece on Suicide Prevention that included a firearm safety piece. She explained that the Commission recognized the correlation between suicide and firearms. Commissioner Liz Florez asked if they were able to provide gun safes. She asked if there was a funding issue related to their ability to provide these or how was it being determined as to when to provide these to people seeking information and support.

Ms. Kristen Swagman clarified that they had only provided Cable Locks which were much less expensive and easier to get than gun safes. She explained that when funding is available they were able to provide these to anyone who wanted to have one. Ms. Melissa Olsen added that they do provide information about the range of different options available such as gun safes, gun locks, and so forth.

Commissioner Misty Vaughan Allen also expressed her gratitude for their presentation and mentioned that she formed part of the Office of Suicide. She encouraged them to work closely with the Division of Child and Family Services. She explained that they had the Child Fatality review who did have funding and also mentioned that the Office of Suicide Prevention were able to provide gun safes and locks along with the Mobile Crisis Partnership. She explained that they released the information about every March and April and encouraged them to be on the lookout for that information.

Commissioner Sarah Porter asked if they had not yet partnered with the School District, and asked how we would be able to move forward with possibly inviting them back to work with the school district. Chair Scott Benton mentioned that this was a conversation worth having as to how the Commission was able to best support them. He clarified that they do have the Commissions support but it was about trying to find a way to bring their information to the District and how they were able to best support them in those different roles. Commissioner Sarah Porter said that she wanted to make sure that they would be included in being invited to events held within the district for families. Commissioner Sarah Porter also asked if they were able to partner with gun sellers and if these had been receptive. Ms. Swagman responded by saying that they had spent about 4 hours in the gun department at Scheel's. She explained that about

99% of people were behind their idea. She said that parents would approach them and ask about gun safety, especially those that were gun owners themselves.

Commissioner Sarah Porter asked if they had any tools for adults related to asking others about the safety in their homes. Ms. Swagman replied that this was part of the roleplaying they did. She mentioned that they recommend texting as non-confrontational. She expressed that there has been very little pushback. Every parent wants the safety of their child.

Commissioner Peg Samples asked if they have had any conversations with anyone that provided CCW classes to be part of this presentation. She added that she believed that they would be able to reach a huge representation of responsible gun owners. Ms. Olsen thanked Commissioner Peg Samples for her idea.

Commissioner Charlene Bybee recommended that they also look into possibly working with Rotary, and Junior League.

Commissioner Liz Florez asked if the materials they provided were also available in Spanish? Including the little infographic card, they were distributing? Ms. Swagman responded by saying that all their materials were both in English and Spanish.

Commissioner Peg Samples asked if they had looked into possibly approaching the gun dealers in town and asked if they would be ok with including the infographic cards regarding BE SMART within a package upon the purchase of a gun?

Chair Scott Benton added that this was a conversation that had come up with Roy Anderson, Emergency Manager for Washoe County School District and added if Mr. Anderson wanted to add anything. Mr. Anderson did not want to add anything further. Ms. Kristen Swagman said that there was a lot of follow up to do and she would be willing to show up to events and do presentations moving forward. Chair Scott Benton thanked them again for their presentation and moved on to item 2.03.

2.03 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE SCHOOL SAFETY AUDIT PROCESS DRIVEN BY WCSD EMERGENCY SERVICES INCLUDING A SUMMARY OF AUDITS COMPLETED TO DATE AND PLANS FOR FUTURE REVIEWS.

Chair Scott Benton Introduced Roy Anderson, Emergency Manager for Washoe County School District. Mr. Roy Anderson explained to the Committee that he would be providing a quick presentation on the current safety audits and assessments that have been done in schools. He explained that a couple of legislative sessions ago, NRS. 388.910 was added and it specifically refers to a school safety specialist being added to the district due to the size and needs of our schools. This is how the School Safety Specialist position was created. Mr. Anderson explained that Mr. Michael Perry, the School Safety Specialist, began with the district in 2020, a week before schools were closed due to COVID. He explained that part of what he does currently is an annual audit of schools as well as a risk assessment. Mr. Anderson explained that he does about 30 schools per year. Mr. Anderson presented Mr. Michael Perry to the Committee.

Mr. Michael Perry, School Safety Specialist for Washoe County School District introduced himself and said that he normally went by the name of "Perry". Mr. Perry explained that thanks to COVID he was able to take his laptop and complete a ton of research and because of this he created a 7 section assessment based on reports from schools safety advocacy councils, department of homeland security, DOJ, FBI, Cyber Infrastructure and security agencies. He explained that his assessments cover the entire area beginning with kids walking on to campus, seeing kids getting dropped off, and whether we have anti-bullying posters on the walls. This allowed him to meet with school counselors, schools psychologists, civil rights and compliance, student health services, and safe routes. This helped him understand traffic management and flow and safe and not safe look like.

Mr. Michael Perry explained what those 7 sections of the assessment were. He explained that these included campus and grounds, exterior signage, school building, safety and security procedures, emergency response plans, and physical climate. Mr. Perry explained that he then generates a threat hazard and risk assessment which shows where the school was and includes one mile radius around your school and what hazards exist. Mr. Perry explained that it was his responsibility to make the schools aware of what the threats are. He explained that while looking at Campus Grounds, he is looking at everything beginning with perimeter fencing, driveways, parking lots, sidewalks, mechanical systems, exterior and interior of buildings, and identification. Mr. Perry also said that he also looked at flood and earthquake mitigations. He explained that Nevada was the third most earthquake prone state in the US. Mr. Perry said that if we have things that may seem unstable in the buildings, he will make a note of it and inform on it. The next is section two which is exterior signage. Mr. Perry said that signs advise how to check into the main office, or identify areas that need to be restricted, such as a boiler or high voltage room.

Mr. Michael Perry also mentioned that he also looks at the exterior of the building. This includes making sure that the Single point of entry doors are being used appropriately and are not being left propped open. That all doors of the building are closed as they should be to prevent anyone from entering the building that shouldn't be there. Mr. Perry also said that he looks at CCTV footage and is constantly communicating with staff to make sure that everyone knows where important items such as AED, bleed kits and EPI pens are stored. Chair Scott Benton asked if Mr. Perry could please clarify what "CCTV" stood for. Mr. Perry responded by saying that this stood for "Closed Circuit TV". Mr. Perry said that for section 4 he is looking at the safety and security procedures. Is there administrative presence on campus, are they out walking around in the mornings and engaging with students. He also said that he focuses on student safety programs such as Safe Voice, and Secret Witness. He looks for all the signage, posters with this information on it. Mr. Perry also mentioned that he looked at radio operations and the coverage associated with these. Mr. Perry also stated that he is responsible for making sure that the schools also have a current version of the OP, Emergency Response Plan, and he asks questions such as if training has happened regarding this plan or if this book just sits on a shelf. This EOP can include everything from normal drills, yellow drills, red drills.

Mr. Perry stated that he also partners with Safe Routes to School. He makes sure that schools have a Safety Committee in place which helps identify issues on campus. Mr.

Perry also spoke about how he looks on the Physical Climate of the schools and also student wellbeing. Mr. Perry provided an example of how he also asks staff if they are aware of the Districts Threat process. In Section 7, Mr. Perry said that he looked at a 1 mile radius of the campus using GPS, Google, and his access to rail line, pipeline, earthquake and flood mapping. He stated that he provided a circular motion that shows all these threats in that specific area and considerations that need to be done. Mr. Perry explained that after the assessment is done, he creates a confidential summary report. He explained that this report went directly to the principal. Mr. Perry explained that as of 2020, he completed assessments for 11 schools in the first year and 34 last year. Thus far Mr. Perry mentioned that he has completed 10 and has 10 more scheduled. He stated that this will provide principals an opportunity to make changes, and for facilities to coordinate or possibly prioritize projects.

Mr. Roy Anderson continued with the presentation saying that the findings are separated into three different levels. They first meet with the principal to discuss the findings, if things need to be done such as things are missing or the school's PA system is not working, these are work orders that could be put in. Capital Projects can be called in if larger things are missing. Chair Scott Benton commented that he felt it was important for the Commission to hear from Mr. Roy Anderson on why these findings aren't public and why they were not presenting specific findings today. Mr. Roy Anderson specified that this information is protected by NRS and this dictates that this is not public information that can be shared. He specified that this was the reason why they try their best to give generalities of what they are looking at and they do what they can to best address them internally as soon as they are able to.

Mr. Chair Benton called upon Commissioner Sarah Porter.

Commissioner Sarah Porter asked if they could clarify who else besides the principals had access to this information. Mr. Michael Perry responded by providing an example. He said that if they had a problem on a playground that was common in 42 schools, Capital Projects would be able to build on that information provided and prioritize it based on their process of how they do work orders and funding.

Mr. Roy Anderson added an example that if Safe to Tell posters are supposed to be up at different locations, they wouldn't be able to say that these posters need to be up. They would need to discuss this further with counseling and advise them of the schools that do not have these posters up.

Commissioner Sarah Porter asked if they would just provide redacted reports that just show information relevant to that. Mr. Roy Anderson responded by saying that this was correct. Commissioner Charlene Bybee asked if once the assessments had been done and recommendations are made, were there specific mandates that needed to happen.

Mr. Roy Anderson responded by saying that what they do is create areas of possible improvement. Areas that can be addressed by the administration. These could be areas that need to be addressed with personnel based on roles and functions and how the schools operate. Mr. Anderson said that other things could include large-scale items such as cracks in the playground, and these would go to Capital Projects. Mr. Michael Perry specified that there is a difference between a recommendation and an area for possible

improvement.

Commissioner Charlene Bybee asked if there were District Wide Policies for things such as exterior doors being locked, classroom doors. Commissioner Charlene Bybee commented that she was extremely sensitive to classroom doors. She mentioned that she believes the Uvalde situation could have been prevented if doors were properly locked.

Mr. Roy Anderson mentioned that there was not a district policy in place for individual classroom doors. He said that only the Board of Trustees were able to enact that District Policy. Mr. Anderson did specify that the Superintendent did send an email out shortly after the Uvalde incident where she mentions how highly recommended it was through school police to keep all classroom doors shut and locked. Mr. Anderson clarified that this was one of the things they were always bringing up when visiting schools. One way of being safe is behind a locked door. Mr. Anderson said that if you have a door shut and locked, this was completing the first step for a code red or yellow.

Chair Scott Benton asked for any other questions for the Committee. With no other questions or comments at the time, Chair Scott Benton moved to the final item 2.07.

2.7 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DETERMINE CONTENT, LOGISTICS, AND MARKETING FOR THE 2023 WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL SAFETY FORUM (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Chair Scott Benton presented Megan Downs, Communications Manager for Washoe County School District to initiate conversations with possibly setting a date for the Safety Annual Forum. Chair Scott Benton mentioned the Commission had agreed on May, being the month for the Safety Forum to take place. Chair Scott Benton asked the Committee if they wanted to do the same time frame as they had done last year, which was at 7 am, noon, and 5 pm to possibly try to attract a larger audience. Chair Scott Benton asked Ms. Downs if she had any recommendations on dates that would work best for the District for the month of May.

Ms. Megan Downs began to say that Wednesday and Thursdays were usually the best days to have this forum, because Board Meetings are usually held on Tuesdays which always presents a large conflict on times. She mentioned that they were looking at the 10th, 11th or the 17th, perhaps the 24th. She said that these were the dates that were advisable. Chair Scott Benton asked the Commission if any of these dates stood out. Chair Benton specifically called upon Commissioner Misty Vaughan Allen. He stated that it would be Mental Health Awareness month and if there was a day that was recognized to avoid possible conflict. Chair Scott Benton said that historically they had always done it in the second week of May but he was not sure if there was a preference there.

Commissioner Misty Vaughan Allen said that typically Youth Mental Health Awareness days was the first week and she mentioned that it was possibly on Thursday but would follow up on it. Commissioner Vaughan Allen said that Wednesday's were ok and said that she would have to look at the Legislative Calendar.

Ms. Downs mentioned that they usually avoided the first week of May because it is also

Educator Appreciation Week and there were typically a lot of activities happening that week.

Chair Scott Benton called upon Commissioner Sarah Porter

Commissioner Sarah Porter recommended the 10th as a possible date. Chair Scott Benton asked if she wanted to put that in form of a motion. Commissioner Misty Vaughn Allen stated that May 11th, 2023, was also National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.

Commissioner Sarah Porter asked Chair Benton if she was able to make a motion. Chair Scott Benton replied by saying yes. Commissioner Sarah Porter made a motion for the Washoe County School District Annual Safety Forum to be held on May 11th, 2023.

Chair Scott Benton said that he had a motion from Commissioner Sarah Porter and asked for a second. Commissioner Rhonda Lawrence seconded that motion.

Chair Scott Benton opened this item up for discussion. Commissioner Misty Vaughan Allen advised that The Children's Week at the legislature was May 13- 16th. She mentioned that she was not sure if there were any activities for that week but did specify that it was nationally recognized. Chair Scott Benton asked for any other discussion. With no other discussion Chair Scott Benton said that he had received a motion from Commissioner Sarah Porter and a second from Commissioner Rhonda Lawrence. He asked for all those in favor to say "aye"

On motion by Sarah Porter second by Rhonda Lawrence the Safe and Healthy Schools Committee approved the date for the upcoming Annual Safety Forum for Washoe County Schools District. (Yea: Chair Scott Benton, Vice-Chair Natalie Sanchez (V), Commissioners, Charlene Bybee, Elizabeth Florez, Leanne McCulley Larson (V), Peg Samples, Misty Vaughan Allen, Jessica Goicoechea (V), Sarah Porter, Rhonda Lawrence. Final Resolution: Motion Carries 10-0

Chair Scott Benton said that now that a date had been set and asked that the Commission work towards pinpointing topics so that this allows for, he and the Vice Chair to work with the Marketing team and securing subject matter experts.

Chair Benton called upon Commissioner Sarah Porter. Commissioner Porter asked if they were able to discuss the times. She recommended considering at least three different times to allow as many people as possible to attend. Commissioner Sarah Porter asked Chair Scott Benton if she also needed a motion on setting a time.

Chair Scott Benton said yes, he would need a motion on times as well.

Commissioner Sarah Porter asked if 5 pm was usually well attended or if 5:30 pm was better for people just getting off of work. Ms. Megan Downs responded by saying that 5:30 pm would probably work best. Ms. Downs also asked if they could please clarify the physical and virtual components of each of these three offerings. Chair Scott Benton mentioned that he had read through previous minutes to see if they had decided to either do an online model and possibly going to in person next year but stated that it was up to the Commission if they preferred to do a virtual meeting in the morning and afternoon and possibly do a physical location at the 5:30 time.

Commissioner Sarah Porter asked if there was any drawback to doing a hybrid model for all three from a capacity standpoint? Ms. Megan Downs responded by saying that it was important to think about a location and mentioned that those midday and morning would be a struggle because a lot of our school locations would be in use. She added that if an option were to be hybrid it would be best to do it in the evening.

Chair Scott Benton called upon Commissioner Charlene Bybee

Commissioner Charlene Bybee recommended a virtual forum instead of in person. She explained that with so many activities throughout the day for most of our parents, it would be easiest to offer 3 different times to connect through Zoom. She mentioned that it will be easier for parents to make time for one of those three times virtually than trying to find time to attend an in person forum. It would allow more people to attend.

Chair Scott Benton said that what he understood from what Commissioner Charlene Bybee had recommended was that it would be best to plan for these forums to take place in person for next year and possibly get in touch with the PTA groups and community members to get people engaged. He also said that historically these forums had also been done on Saturday's and he did not see any difference of the response from when these were being done at TMCC. Chair Scott Benton said that the target audience that showed up was about 60-70 people, when these were done in person they over 200 people a day. Chair Benton said that it was difficult to see the potential of who they are impacting with these Safety Forums except for the tangible data on the day of.

Commissioner Sarah Porter asked if it would be possible to know when these forums had been done in the past. If there were multiple locations, or a single location.

Ms. Downs stated that she had been with the district for 7 years and that when she started the locations were rotating. She specified that at that time the turnout was worse than when they began having these held at individual locations. She recalled that the most successful one she had seen was the forum held at Maxwell Elementary. Ms. Downs said that these events had a great turnout, and the topics were very selective. She also said that it was also more interactive with the parents providing feedback.

Commissioner Misty Vaughan Allen mentioned that it really sparked her interest in having the hybrid with the morning and the noon being virtual then face to face. She said that parents and teachers chose to come and interact. She specified that she did miss this because with virtual, you are really missing the back and forth.

Chair Scott Benton said that this was one of the things the Commission really struggled with. He spoke about a short survey being done afterwards and interaction being something they really wanted. Chair Scott Benton said that asking questions through Zoom meetings could be a little uncomfortable especially not knowing when to chime in or not. He also spoke about the difficulty it is for some parents to connect virtually especially if they do not have the means to do so.

Commissioner Sarah Porter proposed a motion for the Safety Forum to be held at 7 am, then 12 pm for a virtual safety forum and a 5:30 pm for a hybrid model for in person and in person and virtual options for the 2023 Safety Forum.

Chair Scott Benton thanked Commissioner Sarah Porter for her motion.

Commissioner Misty Vaughn Allen seconded that motion.

Commissioner Charlene Bybee said that she did like in person but expressed her frustration on having people attend. She said that 5:0 might be a little difficult for people to attend especially when they have to pick up kids, grab dinner and so forth. She recommended 6:00 or 6:30 to be more of an ideal time.

Commissioner Sarah Porter said that she was satisfied with her motion because she said that later times are recommended, parents are usually home and they want to stay home. She said it would be best to get parents during that commute window where parents might just get a later dinner or dad might help with the kids so mom can attend a forum. She stated that she would like to keep it at 5:30 pm.

Chair Scott Benton thanked everyone for the discussion and asked for everyone to take a vote. Chair Scott Benton clarified that the motion in place is proposing 7 am and 12 pm virtual on May 11th and a 5:30 pm option as hybrid. He asked for all those in favor to signify by saying aye.

On motion by Sarah Porter, second by Misty Vaughan Allen the Safe and Healthy Schools Committee approved times for the upcoming annual safety forum (Yea: Chair Scott Benton, Vice-Chair Natalie Sanchez (V), Commissioners, Charlene Bybee, Elizabeth Florez, Leanne McCulley Larson (V), Peg Samples, Misty Vaughan Allen, Jessica Goicoechea (V), Sarah Porter, Rhonda Lawrence. Final Resolution: Motion Carries 10-0

Chair Benton said that now the Commission was able to discuss topics and work with Megan to find a central location or locations and then vote at the March 6th meeting.

Commissioner Misty Vaughan Allen recommended that BE SMART group to present.

Chair Scott Benton mentioned that historically they have had 4 different topics at all three forums. He asked if this was the same format they wanted to go with. He said that the topics had been divided into two sessions. He provided an example. Chair Benton said that Topic A and Topic B had an option to go to either one of those and Topic C and Topic D were 20 minutes later.

Commissioner Sarah Porter asked if Chair Scott Benton could clarify if they were looking at an hour and 15 minutes instead of an hour then how long would each session be? Chair Benton responded by saying that it was really up to the commission. He explained that in the past the forum would open with 10-15 remarks from the Superintendent and himself as the Chair. After introductions of the sessions and breakout sessions. He said that 25 minutes is what they had targeted at the last conversation so that would be 50 minutes and then 15 minutes with all 4 panelists in

one room with an audience to ask questions.

Commissioner Sarah Porter asked if this would be about 25 minutes per topic.

Chair Scott Benton called upon Commissioner Misty Vaughan Allen and said that Suicide is something that should really be discussed. He said that he feels that possibly having Commissioner Misty Vaughan Allen pair up with BE SMART might be a good idea.

Commissioner Misty Vaughn Allen thanked Chair Scott Benton and mentioned that they were developing a safe message program with Emma White a Youth Suicide Professional. This is a program with people who have lived through this experience sharing their stories in a safe way. She proposed this as an idea to the Committee.

Commissioner Sarah Porter asked if she could get clarification on the breakout. She asked if people were able to choose which ones they wanted to attend or not.

Chair Scott Benton said that it was correct. He said people could hear both topics A and B at the same time and then decide if they wanted to also attend topics C and D.

Commissioner Sarah Porter asked if they could include something around physical safety of buildings and closed doors or possibly talking about things that teachers and staff are noticing that they would like to see as a larger district versus a recommendation.

Chair Scott Benton said that it was up to the Commission to decide. He recommended another topic to possibly be are conversations on Sex Trafficking and how this was affecting our youth. He said that they had some of the regional unit of sex trafficking present and they had done a great job.

Commissioner Charlene Bybee said that they had also done one on Fentanyl and drug awareness. She spoke about the importance of parents/grandparents knowing and understanding what Fentanyl was. Chair Scott Benton said that they could possibly lean on their law enforcement teams and called upon Commissioner Liz Florez with Juvenile Justice to comment.

Commissioner Liz Florez said that everything that had been brought up from suicide, firearm safety, sex trafficking, opioid abuse, are all relevant and they mentioned that it is something they could definitely speak on. She said they would be able to provide support for the trends that they were seeing within our community.

Chair Scott Benton said that another topic would be not only the physical safety of our schools but also the physical safety of getting to school. Chair Scott Benton spoke about the recent traffic accidents and pedestrian vs. vehicle accidents. He said that this topic was very important because the fatalities are not going down. Chair Scott Benton said that they had done a lot of mental health discussion and he did not want say that it should be avoided this year but he feels that BE SMART and Suicide has a big mental health component and it could trend with our juveniles.

Commissioner Jessica Goicochea recommended that a training be offered on Fentanyl awareness and how to properly use/access Naloxone. Naloxone is used to reverse fentanyl overdose.

Ms. Katherine Loudon, Counseling Coordinator for Washoe County School District mentioned that she was working with the principal at Sparks High School to have a Fentanyl awareness and naloxone training for parents together with Northern Nevada and Quest Counseling. She clarified that she did not want this to mean that parents and staff shouldn't have layers of opportunities to learn about this but also wanted the Committee to know that this was something they were looking at doing in the future.

Commissioner Sarah Porter asked if this was only being done at Sparks High School. Ms. Katherine Loudon said that it will be open to the entire district. Ms. Loudon also said that this was something they would have to talk to their partners about but she did not see a reason why they couldn't do it again. Ms. Loudon also said that they were also seeing a lot of issues with Marijuana Concentrates.

Ms. Megan Downs said that her colleague Chad Hartley had mentioned the possibility of recording some of these in advance but this would allow for more time to handle questions. Chair Scott Benton said that it would be best to leave it up to the presenters if they chose to pre-record their session. He also said that it might be different for the subject experts to really show their passion if the sessions were to be pre-recorded.

Chair Scott Benton said that with being 10 minutes over it was important to narrow down the 4 topics for the safety forum. He said he had the BE SMART and suicide prevention as being one, physical safety of schools as a second, trends in our juvenile justice system, and pedestrian vs. vehicle accidents.

Commissioner Misty Vaughn Allen asked if the BE SMART prevention were going to be in the 25 minutes block.

Chair Benton said that they were able to put them together and or separate them.

Chair Scott Benton restated his motion and clarified that there will be 4 different topics. One topic being BE SMART and Safety, second being suicide prevention, another being physical safety of schools and the final one being on trends of our juvenile justice system. He said that leaving it as broad as it is it will allow the subject matter experts to fill the gaps of the information that will be presented.

Commissioner Liz Florez seconded that motion. Chair Scott Benton said for all those in favor to say aye.

On motion by Chair Scott Benton, second by Commissioner Liz Florez the Safe and Healthy Schools Committee approved 4 of the topics to be discussed during the WCSA Annual Safety Forum. (Yea: Chair Scott Benton, Vice-Chair Natalie Sanchez (V), Commissioners, Charlene Bybee, Elizabeth Florez, Leanne McCulley Larson (V),

Peg Samples, Misty Vaughan Allen, Jessica Goicochea (V), Sarah Porter, Rhonda Lawrence.

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Ms. Megan Downs asked if for the evening hybrid format they were envisioning it being held at 4 different classrooms and then come together at the end? She said she just wanted to get a feel of what that would look like to the group.

Chair Scott Benton said that this would be a great option having the 2 breakout sessions for one time frame and the other two for the other so that it would stay the same style as the hybrid so they wouldn't have to recreate what it would look like.

Chair Scott Benton closed item 2.07. He also recognized Ms. Katherine Loudon and the Department of Counseling. He said it was National School Counseling Week and mentioned that there was an article that recognized our WCSD Counselors as experts in this field.

3. CLOSING ITEMS

3.01 PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Scott Benton asked for public comment. There was public comment provided by Mr. Dennis Black

3.02 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Chair Benton stated the next meeting of the Safe and Healthy Schools is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2023, in the Board Room at 425 E. Ninth Street, Reno, NV 89512.

3.03 MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no more business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:16 PM.