

S S S C M e e t i n g M i n u t e s

Call to Order Online	Committee	Date of Meeting
10:03 am by Dr. Kal Kallison	School Safety and Security	June 15, 2023
Adjournment	Recorder	Date of Next Meeting
11:31 am	Caris Volentine and Dr. Autumn Leal	October 11, 2023

Not Attendance	Dr. Bill Lasher	Starla Simmons	Jessica Loreda	Dr. Melissa Chavez	

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS/CONCLUSIONS	ACTION & OUTCOMES
Announcements/Quick Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was brought to order by Dr. Kallison at 10:03 am; Meeting recorded on Zoom. Introductions and welcoming of new members No special guests are present today 	
TODAY'S ITEMS	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS/CONCLUSIONS	ACTION & OUTCOMES
Citizen Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no citizen comments 	
Action Items for Consideration by Consent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Murray motioned to approve minutes from February 9, 2023 and the updated Emergency Operations Plans for University of Texas Elementary School and The University of Texas Univeristy Charter School (UT-UCS). Kathleen Daniels seconded the motion for a vote. The motion passed. 	
Reports and Discussion Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caris Vollentine gave an update on State of the District with regard to total COVID case numbers. There was a significant drop in total cases among students and staff throughout the school year. The districts' COVID testing supplies will expire in July 2023 and we do not expect to receive any new supplies. We also do not anticipate providing a COVID testing program for the 2023-24 school year. Caris Vollentine updated the committee on the status of ongoing weekly door audits across the charter system. All school campuses are complying with the weekly audits and keeping the doors locked and in good operating condition. Any door issues such as mechanical issues are being immediately reported to UT Facilities for issues with UTES doors. UT-UCS classroom doors have 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly door audits will continue at UT Elementary during summer school Caris Vollentine will work with Jonathan Robb to get Knox box installed at UT Elementary UT Legal will provide guidance on armed security person for the campuses



	<p>consistently been locked and in good operating condition across all of our facility partners sites such as Dell Children’s Hospital, Cedar Crest Hospital, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joceyln Jurado inquired whether the weekly door audit checks are occurring for summer school at UT Elementary. Caris Vollentine indicated that she would continue to do the door checks as part of her usual procedures. • The facility upgrades for UT Elementary were reviewed including the reflective glass on windows and doors. The committee discussed the need to install a Knox box at UT Elementary. Ms. Vollentine will be in touch with Jonathan Robb to get specifics on how to get a key box (Knox box) installed for UT Elementary. • The results of the unannounced “intruder detection audits” were reviewed. Five campus sites received intruder audits. One campus (Georgetown Behavioral Health Institute) was found to noncompliant because of an unlocked door—however this was later reversed due to UT-UCS having no legal authority to force the hospital to lock their doors. • Kathleen Daniels provided a comprehensive update on the Total Behavioral Threat Assessments which have been completed across the district. There have been 8 total behavioral threats thus far this school year among the charter school system. Each case receives a case management plan and parents are kept highly informed in all cases. • Dr. Autumn Leal reviewed the recently passed school safety regulations. The committee spoke extensively about the new requirement to have an armed security officer at each campus. Joceyn Jurado (parent) expressed concern about having an armed person such as asking an educator to be armed at UT Elementary. Several committee members also shared their concerns about having an armed person at the campuses. Dr. Leal shared that the district executive team has contacted UT legal for guidance on how the new statute will effect our campuses, since we partner with residential treatment centers and hospitals who have specific licensing per State of Texas that expressly prohibit handguns on campus. Mary King expressed concerns about having handguns on the UT-UCS campuses in which we work with highly behaviorally disordered children for which handguns would be dangerous. The general consensus is that the committee is not in support of having armed persons at school campuses—however at this point the state law goes into effect on September 1, 2023 irregardless. • Dr. Nicole Whetstone the Superintendent indicated that she does not feel comfortable having police on campus. Dr. Kallison agreed with Dr. Whetstone. Kathy Armenta noted that at this point there does not appear to be a choice since the law has passed. • Sgt Campos noted that it may be possible to find retired peace officers and/or retired Department of Public Safety officers to help. He also noted that there is a notable shortage of police officers so that finding people to provide armed security will likely be challenging. Sgt Campos also noted there are grant 	
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	<p>programs that we can apply for that may be able to support having armed security.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a discussion of the guardian program and that this requires 16 hours of training and that it would not be appropriate to ask a teacher or staff member to be responsible for taking out an active shooter with no ballistic gear whatsoever. The general consensus is that asking a teacher to be the guardian of a campus is asking too much. • Andrea Menchaca provided an updated on student and staff mental health and well-being initiatives. • The next committee meeting is October 11, 2023 and this will be a hybrid meeting (in person and zoom). 	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Adjourned at 11:31 am. 	
<p>Meeting Recording</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recording of the meeting is available. 	

