

SCHOOL DISTRICT #81
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
March 14, 2024
3:45 p.m.

In Attendance:

L. Woodworth	K. Martin, BCGEU
M. Theobald, Administration	G. Gough, TR
C. Goodman, FNSS	P. Anderson, Recording Secretary/SBO
C. Yeager-Lobb, GWC	D. Thompson, JSC
C. Croin, RLA	

Absent: D. Low

Call to Order

Kathy called the meeting to order at 3:48pm.

1. Acceptance of Agenda Glen/Corinne
2. Minutes to Adopt from February 1, 2024. Corinne/Lori
3. Business Arising
 - (i) Working in Cold Weather Temperatures – Mark checked into this and since we do have staff working outside in specific conditions, we need to conduct a cold stress assessment and develop a plan. His thought is that with weather moving to the warmer side right now, is to ensure that the plan is in place for the fall.
4. New Business
 - a) Work Safe Reports – 9
 - b) Threat and Violence Report – 4
Going forward under the investigation’s column select yes to indicate if a meeting/investigation with the Superintendent has occurred. Generally, a meeting happens within five days of the incident.
 - c) Unsafe or Harmful Conditions – 0
With the warmer weather, there is some ice forming in parking lots. If you notice this happening, make the call to maintenance, they are very quick to act and remedy the situation.
 - d) Site Inspections – 1 (GWC – No issues or concerns)
 - e) Safety Work Orders – 0
 - f) Other
 - (i) Critical Response for Local/Community Evacuation Alerts & Orders - Mark spoke to this. Given the risk of fire, the district evacuation procedures were reviewed. Some information in the critical response plans was outdated. An evacuation protocol has been developed. When there

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is an evacuation alert schools will be closed until the alert has ended. Corinne mentioned that she has been approached by staff with concerns that they are uncomfortable transporting kids in the event of an evacuation order or tactical evacuation. Do they have a choice? Mark said we must be practical in an emergency. From an insurance perspective, SPP (liability insurance) will cover the students while they are in the care of the school. Lori asked if there was a link providing this information to share with staff to ease workers' fears about this? Just something to ease peoples' minds showing that kids and staff are covered. Mark will check SPP. This is a stressful situation as everyone has someone to worry about. Kathy asked if there is any way the district can get advanced notice before the evacuation alert is announced publicly. This would avoid much chaos. Mark advised that schools are supposed to get advanced notice, however there is no guarantee. FNSS would be the worst. They mentioned going into a hold and secure or lockdown mode and having a staff member at every door so that students can only leave through main doors. This may make it easier to record names as kids leave. The drill is planned for April 18. There is a planning meeting on March 18.

5. Information Items/Reports
 - FNSS – Nothing to report
 - GWC – Nothing to report
 - RLA – Nothing to report
 - JSC – Nothing to report
 - Toad River – Nothing to report
 - BCGEU – Nothing to report
 - FNDDTA – Nothing to report
 - Director of Facilities – No representative present
 - SBO – Nothing to report
6. Next meeting is scheduled for April 25
7. Adjournment at 4:55pm.