School Resource Officer Update

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Goals for 2015

- Relationship building with students
- Relationship building with staff
- Emergency Operation Plan review
- Develop and implement a cyberbullying/digital citizenship class for 9th & 10th grade
- Assist staff with adding additional information to their classes – i.e. legal questions for government class, procedural applications for forensics class, narcotics information for health class, etc.

Student Relationship Building

- Open Office Hours
 - Open door policy students can come see me whenever they need
 - Confidential If students are coming to me regarding a sensitive issue we meet in a private area
- Staff/Student Referrals
 - Staff will send students
 - Students will send friends
- Community Knowledge
 - I know the kids who need the attention and help
- Lunch Periods, Passing Time, Homeroom
 - Approach students for general conversation during these times
- Sporting Events
- Classroom interaction
 - Stop by classrooms during non instructional time, teach areas of expertise in certain classes (forensics, constitutional law, etc)

Staff Relationship Building

- Classroom interaction
 - Stop and talk during non instructional times, prep times
- Lunch Periods
 - Talk with staff that have lunch duty, eat lunch at different times with different staff members
- Office hours
 - Staff members stop in to talk, ask questions

Emergency Operation Plan Review

- Obtained multiple versions of the EOP.
- Read through all EOPs and evaluated for changes.
- Plan was overhauled and changes made for all three locations.
 - Did not evaluate for the ECC
- New lockdown procedures completed
 - Soft Lockdowns
 - Full Lockdown
- Changed some locations for student and staff for full lockdowns
- No changes made to fire drills, severe weather drills or evacuations.
 - Will look at implementing blocking doorways and having students/staff move to secondary exits

Cyberbullying/Digital Citizenship

- There are currently some teachers that are touching on this issue.
- Developed a classroom course on these topics
- Top issues brought to me by students
 - Cyberbullying
 - Relationship issues

Classes/Info to Supplement Courses

- Forensics Class
 - Info on search and seizure, crime scene processing, mock crime scenes, etc
- Government Classes
 - Current trends in Law Enforcement, Constitutional Law, State Law, etc
- Health Classes
 - Narcotics, high risk behavior, etc

Additional Roles/Duties

- Informal Counselor
 - Additional resource, some students may not want to talk to school staff
- Legal "Advice"
 - Provide students/staff with legal information, i.e. civil issues, criminal issues, social services referrals, etc.
- Safety Issues
 - Safety walkthroughs, parking lot patrols, direct patrols in areas where complaints are received
- Investigations
 - Investigate any crimes that occur on school grounds, assist with investigations that involve students or staff, handle any calls for service on school grounds
- Additional Resources
 - Provide information to students/staff/parents regarding multiple topics (drug/alcohol rehab, counseling services, abilities of Human Services), any other information that is requested

Future Plans

- Safety Evaluations
 - Continued evaluations of EOPs especially as the new building and additions are completed.
- Trainings
 - Will attend further SRO trainings to improve my abilities and further the partnership between the police department and the school district
 - CornerHouse Training
 - School safety & planning trainings
- Expand Educational Services
 - Currently conducting Elementary level No Bully classes possibility of increasing the number of classes for the future
 - "Push" harder to have staff utilize my services
 - Implement the High School level Digital Citizenship & Cyberbullying class early in the school year