

DISTRICT 45

Safety Committee Update

Board of Education

January 20, 2026

Safety Committee Members

- Dr. Brian Graber - Superintendent
- Dr. Adam Parisi - Asst. Superintendent for Finance/CSBO
- Mr. Mike Pinney - Chief Information Officer
- Mr. Kevin Carver - Director of Buildings & Grounds
- Mrs. Diana Brown - Director of Student Services
- Mr. Adam Bulfer - Jefferson Principal
- Mr. Fred Leinweber - North Principal
- Mrs. Christine Thiese - Jackson Asst. Principal
- Mrs. Julie Araque - District Nurse
- Det. Joe Bastian - Villa Park Police / District 45 SRO

Committee Regular Processes

- Regular monthly safety meetings (2 hour block)
 - Meetings with First Responders
 - Quarterly countywide ROE sponsored meetings
- Regular communications drills
 - Incident Management Team (IMT) Chat
 - Two-Way Radios (walkie-talkies)
- Professional development and procedures
 - Key personnel trainings
- Review received questions and comments from buildings
- Review worker compensation claims when necessary

Completed Committee Work

- Reviewed and updated Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
- Reviewed Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP)
- Reviewed Clear and Present Danger procedures
- Reviewed Crossing Guard locations
- Supported St. Pius in being a Reunification site (building issues)
- Installed fencing at Schafer

Current Committee Work

- Implementing District-wide Staff ID's
- Ongoing reinforcement of containing Visitors to secured office areas
- Logging D45 IMT Chats (After Incident Report)
 - Analyze the situation and discuss improvements
- Installing intercom system at Jackson and North
 - School Maintenance Grant
- Working with Marcus Cinemas on Reunification Site
 - Planning future field trip, look at floor plans, logistics

Future Committee Work

- Evaluate building check-in / check-out process & procedures
 - Investigate improved alert and notification systems
- Review possible countywide reunification sites
 - Marcus Cinemas
- Incorporate District 45 Strategic Plan Goal (Safety & Security)
 - Ongoing part of strategic plan work
- Enhance D45.org Safety Public facing webpage
 - Do's and Don'ts for Parents
- Evaluate policies and procedures for Urgent Alerts in ParentSquare

School Resource Officer (SRO)

- Member of Safety Committee
- Included in district communication tools
- High visibility in hallways during passing periods and in lunchrooms
- Supports administration in dealing with fights/physical altercations, drugs, sexting, crimes, etc...
- Speaks with students and parents after these types of incidents
- Assists teams with home visits and discipline investigations
- Active member of our Threat Assessment Team
- Attends D45 after school activities
 - *Requested by Willowbrook High School for all home sporting events due to his positive and successful relationship with current D45 students*
- Provides enhanced communications with first responders
- Designated parking spot at Middle Schools

Safety Budget

- Approximately \$50,000 of Local Funds
- Matched with School Maintenance Project Grant
 - Intercom Systems at Jackson and North
- Combined with Operations and Maintenance Fund and Technology budgets to maximize efforts
- Fencing around Schafer
- Previous Projects
 - Fencing around other schools
 - Security film at other entrances

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Questions?