

A.C. Jones Recommendations for Drug/Crime Free Zone

The following recommendations are being suggested in corroboration with Dr. Behr and A.C. Jones safety committee. After meeting and voicing concerns, various points have been agreed upon to enhance school security and assist in optimizing the learning environment. With this pretense it is hereby recommended for the following changes to become implemented;

1. It is recommended that Beeville ISD approach Beeville Police Department and the City Council to split a salary of \$25,000 annually, and A.C. Jones receives a full time School Retention Officer (SRO), in place of the officers being hired daily. With the sporadic security currently in place, no consistency is being shown and this weakness allows further opportunity for criminal activity. With a full time SRO, the officer would become aware and familiar with the student body, and would work full time for Beeville ISD at A.C. Jones. Currently, with the program in place, Officers are paid \$30 per hour thus equaling a budget of \$43,000 annually. With this Officers are expected to work on their regular days off and occasionally have other matters to tend to, thus leaving A.C. Jones with no officer at all. The individual officers will often work at the school only one day a week, which limits their familiarity with the school and the students. Under an SRO program the officer would be assigned to A.C. Jones permanently and then report to Beeville PD during holidays and throughout the summer.
2. A recommendation is also being made to enhance the promotion of the Crime Stoppers program currently being utilized at A.C. Jones, and extending this promotion to the Junior High School. Ensuring more students are aware of the program would increase effectiveness.
3. Random drug testing should be done on student athletes and other UIL members, with a beginning recommendation of 10 students per year. The notion being that any students, who compete in extracurricular activities of any kind, would be additionally motivated in not utilizing narcotics.
4. Currently A.C. Jones has a zero tolerance toward narcotics and drug use, with any student being caught with narcotics receiving a mandatory placement of 45 days in DAEP. A recommendation is being made to enhance the punishment of repeat offenses, where any student who is placed, more than once, into DAEP for narcotics be given mandatory expulsion.
5. Education in the dangers of narcotics should be spread throughout the district, and so it is recommended that a curriculum be made to present to elementary through Junior high students. Note: this responsibility could be given to the SRO, if accepted. Beeville PD does provide education to the public, but no curriculum is offered and thus the lesson is susceptible to missing articles of information or information beyond/below the level of the student body. A curriculum is necessary to ensure maximum effectiveness.
6. It is hereby recommended that random searches of A.C. Jones be conducted at least monthly, with a trained narcotics dog. It should be noted that any indication of a positive alert will be investigated fully and full search will be conducted.
7. To ensure Beeville ISD is maximizing personnel and programs, efforts should be made to visit other campuses of similar and varying sizes to observe their programs to combat narcotics.

These are the recommendations of Dr. Behr and the A.C. Jones Safety Committee.

