

## School Safety Advisory Committee

February 4, 2016

### Meeting Notes



Tim welcomed everyone to Rainier School District.

As it turned out, there were technical difficulties with the GoTo Meeting. From what we learned later, there were 4 sites trying to log in remotely. Hopefully, the difficulties have been resolved and we should be good to go GoTo for future meetings.

Tim reminded people that the month's meeting would ordinarily have been an off-month work session, particularly focusing on the cost project which the SSAC has taken on. However, with the busy legislative session, it was decided that we'd spend the time looking at dropped bills which impact school safety in one way or another. For the record, there are too many to be able to discuss them all!

The cost work itself is underscored in [SB 6620](#): A Statewide plan for funding cost-effective methods of school safety. The bill has two main sections. One calls for the WA State Institute for Public Policy to evaluate how WA and other states address funding for school safety and security. The second calls for OSPI and the SSAC to hold annual school safety summits to est. and monitor progress on a state plan for funding school safety. Specific individuals or groups were identified to participate in the summit.

This bill became a central point for much of the rest of the discussion:

1. There really is no need for the Policy Inst. to do a study. The SSAC could very likely answer any questions now, both for WA and for other states.
2. The SSAC is currently involved in our safety costs project.
3. However, the idea of an annual summit was well received as a platform for in-depth discussions with legislators and others on safety issues, mandates, costs, best practice, etc.

With that as a context setter, we also discussed. **Very briefly:**

- [HJR 4212](#) Public safety/paramount duty: odd wording; unclear as to whether it was adding "safety" to basic education or "public safety" to paramount duty of the state.
- [2SSB 5252](#) Reg. safety, security centers: ESDs may create consortia; collab. With OSPI and SSAC
- [HB 2257](#) Safe K-12 school plans: extends the requirement of private schools; changes the required config. of safety drills.
- [SB 6553](#) LEA COOP Requirement: district must develop a COOP plan and report it to EMD.
- [SB 6230](#) SRO Searches in schools: attempts to clarify Meneese decision; some wording clarification needed
- [SB 6243](#) Youth suicide prevention: generated a lot of conversation around behavioral health as a part of overarching school safety/safety planning.
- [SB 5526](#) Bullying, etc., in schools: will require annual HIB CO training; adds a required "transgender CO"
- [HB 2823](#) School violence reports: calls for the creation of an OSPI 'program' which would become a sort of K12 Fusion Center; much of what is called for already exists.
- [HB 2254](#) Social media safety/schools: again, most what is called for already exists and is available online.

A larger conversation grew from all of the above. That conversation considered the annual summit of 6620

and around the 5252 concept of regional consortia of districts within the ESDs, of collaborations within and among ESDs, and with OSPI and the SSAC. As issues were discussed, we considered:

1. Overarching [school safety planning](#),
2. The need for everyone involved to understand that the four large areas of threats and hazards: natural, technological, biological and human-caused/adversarial,
3. Safety planning is a collaborative, iterative process, (it's never "**done.**")
4. The importance of each ESD in its service area – and potentially to other ESDs and districts,
5. Behavioral health **IS** a part of school safety planning.
6. Each of the ESDs has its own strengths and resources, and that each could well become the go-to resources for everyone else,
7. Our safety cost planning efforts are unique and critically important for ongoing efforts to address the 5 mission areas of safety prep: prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery.
8. We also noted that conversations within ESDs are also very important to get the various people with safety-related functions talking among themselves. And the need to have information, links or resources for overall high quality [district and school safety planning](#) available for their districts.

As a next step for the SSAC, everyone is invited to Rainier School District on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 9:00 – 1:00** to specifically work on the cost project. If you are able to attend, please let Tim know so that he can plan for some treats!

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the SSAC will be on Thursday, March 3, 9:00 – noon, at AWSP in Olympia.

**Meeting Calendar:  
School Safety Advisory Committee  
2015-2016 Calendar  
9:00 – Noon**

Month	Date	Location
Aug.	6 <sup>th</sup>	Franklin Pierce SD
Sept.	x	
Oct.	1 <sup>st</sup>	Rainier SD
Nov.	5 <sup>th</sup>	AWSP, Olympia
Dec.	3	Opt. Work Session, Rainier SD
	2016	
Jan. - 2016	7 <sup>th</sup>	OSPI, Brouillet Rm.
Feb.	4 <sup>th</sup>	Rainier SD
Feb.	<b>25</b>	<b>Rainier SD – EXTRA WK. SESSION</b>
Mar.	3 <sup>rd</sup>	AWSP
Apr.	--	
May	5 <sup>th</sup>	AWSP
June	--	
July	No Meeting	
August 2015	TBD	TBD / potential "summit"