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Crook County School District
Safety Committee

May 22, 2012 - 3:15 PM
CROOK COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Members present: Deen Hylton, Dawna Sundberg, Beth Lampert, Cyndee Rizzardini, Mike Zielaskowski, Becky Carter

1.0 Call to Order
Deen called the meeting to order at 3:20 PM.

2.0 Approval of minutes

Cyndee Rizzardini moved and Beth Lampert seconded to approve the minutes from the April 17th meeting as presented. All in favor as follows: Deen Hylton, Dawna Sundberg, Beth Lampert, Cyndee Rizzardini.

3.0 Old Business
Beth will check on the wrestling matt issue from the previous meeting and will update the committee by e mail.

Deen commented that he sent a note to Scott Clark, the District's SAIF Management Consultant regarding training for staff that handle students with unpredictable behavior (CPI). He also had some concerns with insufficient training for transportation staff for the handling of students with similar unpredictable behavior.

He also noted there will be safety training on the use of fire extinguishers next year through the Fire Marshall. This brought up the question of a contingency plan for a major school building fire, as was the case in the Woodburn High School.

Discussion continued about collaboration between Redmond and Bend School Districts in the case of a catastrophic fire. Possible temporary classrooms might be available in a local church or warehouse, or the fairgrounds, along with offsite storage of equipment. Potential issues with student bussing were discussed or splitting grades and class times to efficiently utilize available space.

4.0 New Business
Deen reviewed the recent fire situation near Cecil Sly Elementary on May 16th and presented an overview to the committee. The fire was at the east end of the Middle Schools playground, approximately 5-800 feet away. Windy conditions were in effect. A wooden shed caught on fire behind a residence. The Stadium was hosting an event at the time of the fire. The Middle School fire alarm was pulled. Cecil Sly did not pull their alarm, but an "all-call" was given instead. Cecil Sly Principal, Jim Bates, and Middle School Assistant Principal, Kurt Sloper, presented Deen with a detailed written overview of the procedures that were followed during the incident.

Crook County Fire Department called in aid from Redmond Fire Department. Prineville Police were present, but the Fire Department was in command of the scene.

Deen highlighted the following incidents that he felt were important to review:

1. Middle School two way radios were all in use at the Stadium event.
2. Middle School pulled their fire alarm, even though there was no fire in the building.
3. The Middle School secretary had to call the building engineer to go to the boiler room to the main panel to activate the fire alarm because the fire alarm panel in the office is no longer in working condition, it is obsolete.
4. Cecil Sly did an "all call" for evacuation of the building and directed the exit of students and staff.

As a result of some of the above conditions, Middle School students were evacuated to a field where emergency vehicles were operating, a potential safety situation.

Discussion followed on possible resolutions to some of the problems that were encountered during this event.

Purchase of more two way radios for the buildings.

Directed evacuations as opposed to non-directed.

Non-working fire panel will be addressed if a Maintenance Bond is passed, along with other building fire alarm upgrades.

Deen also noted that the wind caused some sparks to land in the wood chips in the playground equipment area and was feared that would result in further damage. The water hose connection was 100 – 150 feet away, but there was not enough water pressure to enable the use of the hose. The pump was not yet brought on-line due to weather conditions.

A possible solution would be to install non-flammable materials under the playground equipment such as pea gravel (which may not meet regulations) or a rubber material.

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The fire lane was blocked behind Cecil Sly due to the sporting event at the Stadium. Deen has ordered more signage for the fire lane to be installed.

There will be emotional support available for the younger students.

Deen noted that all of these issues will be discussed at Administrators Meetings.

Cyndee Rizzardini commented that she was never able to make it to a safety meeting at Cecil Sly. Deen commented about the requirement of the schools to hold regular safety meetings. This will be an item that the Central Safety Committee will continue to review.

5.0

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm. Next meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday in September.

Committee Chairperson

Secretary

Approval Date