

COUNTY WIDE SAFE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 8, 2017  
LAKELAND HIGH SCHOOL, 0805 E 075 N, LAGRANGE, INDIANA

This meeting is being held pursuant to and in accordance with I.C. 5-2-10.1-10.

Cathy Phillip called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Those in attendance were: Cathy Phillip, Lakeland School Corporation; Col Tyler Osenbaugh Howe Military Academy; Gaylon Wisel, Damon Witherspoon and Jeff Reed, Prairie Heights School Corporation; Jim Hostetler and Randy Miller Westview School Corporation; Travis Glick Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Jeff Campos and Tracy Harker, LaGrange County Sheriff Department; Wendy Petty, Office of Family & Children; Tom Fitch and Carlos Jasso Shipshewana Police Department

The group received a presentation from Mrs. Garl and students from the Peer Counseling program. Students who presented were: Kloe Fitch, Luke Ott, Marisa Olivares, Heather Schmidt and Rebeka (Beka) Stroop. Mrs. Garl and the students explained the program and the students shared personal stories of their experience.

Members of the Committee introduced themselves and commented on their departments.

Jeff Campos shared several of the programs he and his officers are currently training in including Juvenile Jeopardy, Policing the Teen Brain and others. Jeff also commented on Randy Merrifield and a variety of the programs that Randy is promoting through JDAI. Jeff also spoke about talking with Chris Blaize, Transportation Director for Lakeland Schools and Jim Hostetler, Transportation Director for Westview regarding stop arm cameras. Travis Glick from the Prosecutors Office also commented that it was a positive thing if schools could get stop arm cameras to assist the Prosecutors Office in being able to prosecute stop arm violators.

Randy Miller shared that the focus at Westview is finding ways to properly prepare students for their career interests after they finish their schooling. The staff and community are clearly focused on the subject of career pathways for their students.

Jeff Reed shared that things are good and going well at Prairie Heights. Gaylon Wisel shared that Tonda Prince has left the juvenile probation department in LaGrange County for a position in the Superior Court. Jeff Campos commented he thought the department had identified a replacement for Tonda.

Col. Osenbaugh shared that 1949 graduate and longtime Howe supporter Dr. Bouton had recently passed away. Dr. Bouton's father is who the Bouton Auditorium is named after. Otherwise, things at Howe are going smoothly.

Tracy Harker made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular session meeting from November 9, 2016, seconded by Jeff Reed, motion passed unanimously.

Gaylon Wisel made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes from the November 9, 2016 meeting, seconded by Tracy Harker, motion passed unanimously.

The committee having no further business did not hold an Executive Session and Cathy adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Public Session was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Cathy J. Phillip, Chairperson