



WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Safety Committee Meeting

May 23, 2024

5:30 PM

Committee Board Members: Otheree Christian (chair), Jamela Smith-Folds

Staff: Luis Freese (Associate Superintendent, Operations), Julio Franco (Director TK-12 Operations & Safety), Michael Booker (Safety & Emergency Preparedness Consultant) LaShante Smith (Director of Positive School Climate)

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MEETING AGENDA

A. OPENING PROCEDURES (20 minutes)

A.1 Call To Order

A.2 Approval of Agenda

A.3 Approval of Minutes

A.4 Next Meeting:

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

B.1 Public Comment (10 Minutes)

Members of the public are invited to speak on any matter related to the Safety Committee at this time. Members of the public may speak on individual items of interest in the agenda as the items are discussed.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS (40 minutes)

D.1 Office of Neighborhood Safety

D.2 El Cerrito High School Physical Safety Project

The project focuses on enhancing the physical safety by controlling access to the campus, deterring unauthorized entry, and providing a secure boundary that helps protect students, staff and school property.

E. ANTICIPATED FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee will discuss future meeting dates.



WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Safety Committee Meeting

March 28, 2024

5:30 - 7:00 PM

Minutes approved on _____

Committee Board Members:

Trustee, Christian Otheree, President Jamila Smith Folds

Location:

1400 Marina Way S.
Richmond, CA 94804

I. Opening Procedures

Roll Call & Introductions

Chairperson Christian Otheree called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM

Committee Members Present: Christian Otheree, Jamila Smith-Folds

Staff Attendees: Luis Freese (Associate Superintendent, Operations), Julio Franco (Director of TK-12 Operations & Safety), Michael Booker (Safety & Disaster Preparedness Consultant) LaShante Smith (Director of Positive School Climate)

Approval of Agenda:

President Smith Folds asked to move item A.3 (Anticipated Future Meetings) to the bottom of the agenda.
Trustee Otheree approved the agenda.

Committee Purpose

President Smith Folds shared committee's Vision and Purpose Goals for a safe and secure environment for WCCUSD community by using PBIS model, and understanding safe school plans.

II. Public Comment

No public comment at the time 5:38 PM

III. Discussion Items

A. School Climate Update-Presentation by LaShante Smith

Purpose:

- Address school climate and social/emotional safety. Trends related to student behavior, chronic absenteeism, and student discipline outcomes. Review District resources and services that support data trends for student intervention.

○ Presentation

- WCCUSD believes strongly in creating a District-wide, positive relationship-based culture that is supportive of all members of WCCUSD that is grounded in Restorative Practices, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports Trauma-Informed Practices
- Safety Requires a multi-layered approach
 - TIER 1: Social/Emotional/Behavioral Strategies: Universal-All settings, All students
 - Clearly defined expectations across schools w/Consequence System
 - District Curricula: Second Step, WayFinder (in progress)
 - TIER 2: Targeted Supports–Some Students

- Supplemental Supports often delivered in small group settings
 - District Support: CARE/SST and Partnerships with behavior/mental health staff for targeted group support
- TIER 3: Intensive Supports-Fewer Students
 - Highly individualized
 - District Support-Re-entry conference for returning students from suspension/juvenile hall, site based partnerships with community based organizations for individualized interventions
- Addressed Central Interventions: Social-Emotional Safety, Long Term Strategies and other initiatives to support social emotional learning and behavioral health, such as Community based partnerships, Community schools partnerships and use of EduClimber to better understand **District data**.
- **DATA**
 - 2022-2023 vs 2023-2024: Decrease of Suspension and other means of correction
 - “Caused, Attempted to Cause, Threatened Physical Injury” Decreased from 814 to 598 incidents in 2022-2023 to 2023-2024
 - Suspensions by school
 - Other incidents (Major incident Possession of knife/dangerous object)
 - 2022-2023: 52 Incidents
 - 2023-2023: 23 Incidents

Today’s Outcome:

- Understand social/emotional safety from a tiered perspective
- Understand data related to student behavioral, discipline, and social /emotional safety across the District

Board Commentary:

- President Smith Folds: Vaping has increased state wide, how do we support students with vaping/tobacco use prevention/intervention?
 - Continue to use strategies from school framework-social emotional safety for students and staff
- President Smith Folds: What can we do in regards to decreasing vaping on campuses at 0 cost?
 - LaShante Smith: Search for grants to help purchase vape-detectors, provide study sessions to inform parents about vaping and the accessibility youth has to vape pens.
- Trustee Otheree: Provide Educational Assemblies for middle school on the dangers of vaping.
- Trustee Otheree: Safety Transfers vs Intradistrict transfers: Do we consider the communities students come from when placing them?
 - LaShante Smith: Yes, every student has a meeting before placements.
- President Smith Folds: Can we make changes or modify referral -racialized harm, and weaponized language?
 - LaShante Smith: Referrals have been revamped and we are asking educators what steps they have taken before sending a student out of class.
 - President Smith Folds: Schools should enforce positive social emotional language
 - LaShante Smith: We use Second Step K-8 and WayFinder for K-12 to promote positive social emotional language
 - President Smith Folds: We should encourage Adults (parent, volunteers, and staff) to use the same language
- Trustee Otheree: IDs
 - Michael Booker: Sites have machines and resources to get it done.

IV. Safety Committee Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 5:30 PM.

V. Adjournment

President Smith Folds adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.

EL CERRITO HS PHYSICAL SAFETY PROJECT



Situation:

New access control measures at El Cerrito High School are being proposed as a critical physical safety strategy in response to multiple intrusions over the past year that have disrupted the learning environment and instilled fear among students and staff.



Overview:

The purpose of the fencing/gates and access control systems at El Cerrito High School is to enhance physical safety by controlling access to the campus, deterring unauthorized entry, and providing a secure boundary that helps protect students, staff, and school property.



Fencing and Gates Proposal

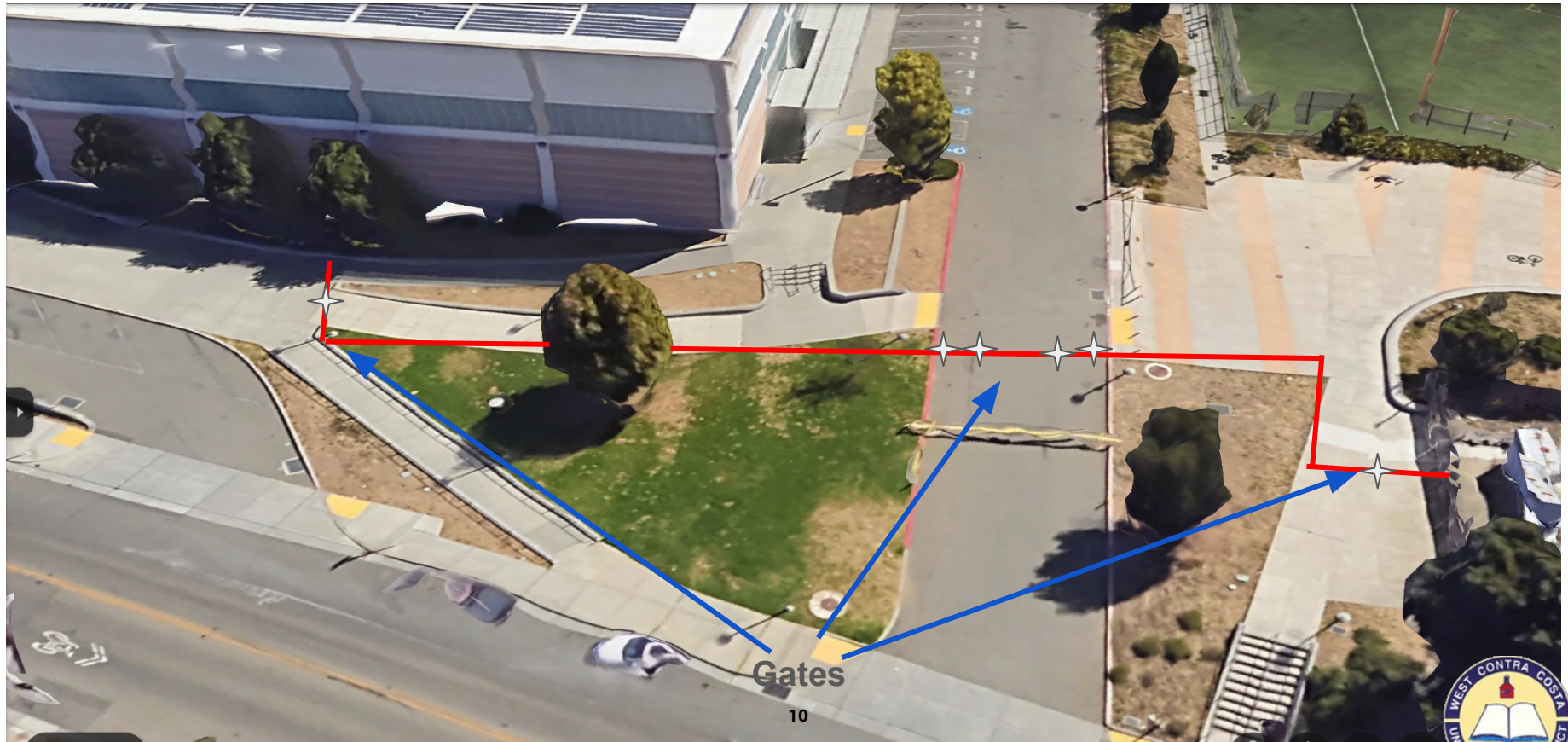
- **Option #1-** Chain link fence and gate
- **Option #2-** Chain link fence and metal picket Gate
- **Option #3-** Iron picket fence and gate



ECHS Aerial View (New fencing & gates)



Proposed Fencing and Gate Area



Gates



Chain Link Fence and Gate

Estimated Cost:

\$60,000 dollars

Estimated Timeframe:

30-45 days

Materials:

Black chain link
fencing and gates

Height:

8 foot fencing and
gates



Chain Link Fence and Picket Gate

Estimated Cost:
\$80,000

Estimated Timeframe:
30-45 days

Materials:
Black chain link
fencing & metal
picket gates

Height:
8 foot fencing and
gates



Picket Fence and Gate

Estimated Cost:
\$120,000 dollars

**Estimated
Timeframe:**
90 days

Materials:
Black iron picket
fencing and
gates

Height:
8 foot fencing
and gates



Additional Physical Safety Measures

- Add power operators to new gates with card access option- \$50,000 dollars
- Activate card access system currently in place at ECHS- \$5,000-6,000 dollars if no major repairs are needed. (Exterior doors)
- Install Alphone (video & voice) for community access at the front entrance- \$12,000 dollars



Next Steps

- Provide an Architect assessment of current barrier controls (Fences & gates)
- District review of site exiting requirements and aligning ingress/egress with site supervision
- Review access control procedures.

Recommendations

Based on the current issues with intrusion of the campus, disruption of the learning environment, cost and expedited timeline we recommend the following option for ECHS:

- **Option #2-** Chain link fence and metal picket gate

Questions:

