

Safety Committee Meeting Minutes February 26, 2013

I. Injury Reports Discussion-

There were 8 new student injuries reported between January 23, 2013 and February 25, 2013: three at Pioneer; three at OHS and two at Alameda. Through February 25, 2013, 62 student injuries have been reported in the 2012-2013 school year.

There were 4 new non-student injuries reported between January 23, 2013 and February 25, 2013. Through February 25, 2013, 37 non-student injuries have been reported in the 2012-2013 school year.

A review of the student and non-student injuries resulted in a decision that none of them were caused by a safety issue, but were the result of normal student interactions and/or winter conditions.

II. School Reports

1. District - None
2. Aiken – Cables/cords in the Library need to be addressed.
3. Alameda - Absent
3. Cairo - None
4. Pioneer-Venting fell off roof from wind and needs addressing.
5. May Roberts - None
6. OMS – None
7. OHS – Tape around windows was for construction and can be removed.
8. Maintenance – Playground Inspections are being done currently – please make sure that you always have at least 12 inches of gravel under the playground equipment, swings etc.
9. Transportation – Winter cords for the buses continue to be a trip hazard due to some not following proper use. Issue has been addressed several times.
10. Food/Custodial - Absent

III. Safety Inspections Discussion- All the buildings have been inspected for the month of February.



- IV. Safety Presentation – A presentation was given by Matias Davila about Lunch/Recess Duty Safety Precautions. Matias distributed a hand out entitled Recess Safety: Prevent Accident or Injury. Schools are to exercise the same standard of care as a reasonable prudent parent under comparable circumstances would. This means to prevent unreasonable risk of harm to the students from playground equipment and other playground site hazards. On average 17 students die each year playing on playgrounds. Many deaths and injuries could have been prevented if the playgrounds and equipment were designed with safety in mind. When a student is injured first you should offer first aid and notify parents if further treatment is needed. Only ten percent of injuries sustained in elementary schools are major and require follow-up care. Seventy percent of injuries occur during recess or physical education. More than forty percent of the time playground injuries are due to a lack of proper supervision. Some suggestions for Lunch Room and Recess Safety are:

Monitor: Lunchroom: The teacher needs to monitor the children and remain alert watching for fights, food fights, running, throwing and screaming.

Enforce Rules: Lunchroom: Teachers need to enforce the school's policies such as line up for food, making sure no one runs and clean up after themselves.

Playground: Make sure students use the playground correctly, by sitting when swinging and slide down and not try to climb up the slides.

Discipline: The teacher needs to discipline students if they are misbehaving during lunch by issuing warnings, having them sit with the teacher for lunch or maybe insist that the student misses recess or send the student to the principal's office.

We all need to make sure we help all kids remember rules and safety procedures whether at lunch or playing on the playground.

- V. Safety Presentation for March 20th– Sam Lopez – Proper Person Protective Equipment, Laurie Duerr – Eye Irrigation Procedures and Gabby Gonzalez – Proper Ladder & Step Stool Use.
- VI. Comments- Eric reminded us that resolving a situation with the least amount of physical contact as possible is best.
- VII. Next Meeting will be March 20, 2013, 1:30 p.m. at the District Office, Basement Conference Room.

