

Safety Committee Meeting Minutes March 18, 2014

I. Injury Reports Discussion-

There were 14 student injuries reported between February 27, 2014 and March 17, 2014: four at Pioneer; two at Aiken; two at May Roberts; one at Alameda; two at OMS and three at OHS. Through March 17, 2014, 86 student injuries have been reported in the 2013-2014 school year.

There were 5 non-student injuries reported between February 27, 2013 and March 17, 2014. Through March 17, 2014, 42 non-student injuries have been reported in the 2013-2014 school year.

A review of all the other 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 things that could be easily resolved.

II. School Reports

1. District - None
2. Aiken - None
3. Alameda - None
3. Cairo - None
4. Pioneer - None
5. May Roberts - Absent
6. OMS - Absent
7. OHS - None
8. Maintenance - None
9. Transportation - None
10. Food/Custodial - Absent

III. Safety Inspections Discussion – All the schools were inspected for the month of March 2014.

IV. Safety Presentation – Diana Howarth – School Bus Safety – For loading and unloading students off of buses there is a 10 foot radius around the bus that is considered the Danger Zone. When loading and unloading the students the Danger Zone should always be clear of everything including students. Currently we have cars passing buses within the Danger Zone while they are loading



students. Bus drivers are always checking their mirrors and monitoring the Danger Zone but cannot see students if they are directly in front of or behind the bus. Each of our schools has its own problem for maintaining the 10 foot radius of clearance around each bus. Diana had pictures of each schools bus loading area and we discussed each scenario.

- Aiken – Buses are parked along the main road for loading and unloading which only gives them a four foot clearance on the sidewalk to the fence and the other side is road where we have cars constantly passing within that 10 foot Danger Zone. A suggested solution would be to move the fence back 6 feet to give the buses the 10 foot clearance on at least one side. Painting the curb and cone placement has helped improve the loading and unloading of students at Aiken.
- Alameda – Students need to stay back 10 feet away from the bus on the grass area while waiting for loading the bus.
- Cairo – Buses are parked by the side of the school building which does not allow for the 10 foot Danger Zone.
- May Roberts – Buses are parked along the main road for loading and unloading which give them a four foot clearance on the sidewalk to the fence and the other side is road where we have cars constantly passing within the 10 foot Danger Zone. Also, when the wheel chair ramp is used the bus has to pull ahead onto a crosswalk to have space to let the ramp down.
- Pioneer – Buses are parked directly behind parked cars with a main road to the other side. This does not give the bus a clear Danger Zone on either side of the bus.
- OHS – Buses are parked along the sidewalk with parking spaces on the other side which does not give the bus 10 feet on either side for the Danger Zone. It was suggested that we have the buses park in the middle of the two lanes instead of against the sidewalk but we need something to stop students from driving next to the buses to exit the parking lot. In order to do this we would have to use some type of a gate or something that would block cars from trying to exit through the bus loading zone.
- OMS – Buses do have the 10 foot Danger Zone clearance if the students stand where they should for loading and unloading on the buses.

The lack of supervision while students are loading and unloading on the buses is probably the biggest problem for all of the schools. It was discussed that maybe the Safety Committee Members need to attend their schools staff meetings and discussion not only the 10 foot Danger Zone for bus loading and unloading but also the need for more supervision of students during this time of day.

- V. Comments- Bob Bennett wanted everyone to know that he is still checking all the schools for cleanup of the storage area's to make sure they only have chemicals that they should and that the area is clear around water heaters, furnaces etc.
- VI. Next Meeting will be April 29, 2014, 1:30 p.m. at the District Office, Board Room.

