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Lincoln Safe & Successful Kids Interlocal Board
City-County Building, 555 S. 10th Street, City Council Chambers
Thursday, November 2nd, 2023 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Barb Baier Leirion Gaylor Baird James Michael Bowers

Kathy Danek Piyush Sryvastav Brodey Weber

Board Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Jeff Peterson, LPD Admin Support John Neal, LPS Assistant Superintendent Ryan Zabawa, LPS Student Serv. Director Joe Wright, LPS Security Director Jamie Granquist, Secretary T.J. McDowell, Mayor's Office Denise Pearce, LPR Spec. Projects Adm. Mindy Burbach, LPS Dir. of Communications Rob McEntarffer, LPS ESU Prog. Director

Call to Order & Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act':

As per law, Chairperson Bowers announced that the Board follows the requirements of the Open Meetings Act and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll was called by Jamie Granquist, Secretary.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Kathy Danek and seconded by Barb Baier to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2023, meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: "Yes": Barb Baier, Leirion Gaylor Baird, James Michael Bowers, Kathy Danek, Brodey Weber. "No": None. Motion carried.

Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items:

No one from the public requested to speak with the Board regarding any items not listed on the agenda.

Annual Report on 2022-23 School Resource Officer (SRO) program:

The one page summary, PowerPoint presentation slides, and full 193-page report are attached to official minutes on record.

Dr. John Neal, LPS Assistant Superintendent, introduced the overall presentation and summarized the history of the SRO and school discipline evaluation program. In 2018, SROs were added to middle schools. An MOU outlining general program goals and an evaluation process were developed with community input. The Annual Report that will be presented today includes data from the SRO program, perception survey from LPS staff, students, and families, and discipline data from LPS.

Trisha Todd, LPD Crime Analyst, summarized the LPD data regarding SROs. Jeff Peterson, LPD Crime Analyst Manager, summarized the disparity index calculations tied to this data. He also noted that LPD recently changed how demographic data is collected; like LPS, it now uses the Census categories rather than NCIC categories.

Rob McEntarffer, LPS ESU Program Director, summarized the survey perception data from students, parents, and staff, along with LPS discipline data gathered throughout the year.

Dr Neal reviewed the overall report takeaways and goals for the current school year. He explained LPS's Tier Support framework and how restorative practices enhance LPS Board of Education goals.

The presenters then fielded questions from the Board about the report and the SRO program. Members asked various questions related to consistency of definitions and category standards, inclusion of demographics not represented, gathering feedback from support staff, realities of budgets, and staffing resources to implement targeted improvements.

Appreciation was voiced by all Board members for the teamwork of LPD and LPS on the comprehensive report, the SRO program, and the implementation of LPS's "All Means All" Plan. It was noted that the three areas of the Safe and Successful Kids Interlocal Agreement are interrelated and are all part of a comprehensive approach to school safety and security.

Public Comment for 2022-23 School Resource (SRO) program: None

Adjournment:

There being no additional business before the Safe and Successful Kids Interlocal Board, a motion was made by Kathy Danek and seconded by Piyush Sryvastav to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: "Yes": Barb Baier, Leirion Gaylor Baird, James Michael Bowers, Kathy Danek, Piyush Sryvastav, Brodey Weber. "No": None. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the SSKI Board will be held at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2024, in the City of Lincoln City Council Chambers, 555 S. 10th Street. The focus of that meeting will be reviewing the annual report for Community Learning Centers initiative.