

DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON SAFETY
MEETING SUMMARY
April 17, 2019

PRESENT: David Moore
Tom Gallivan
Debbie Buffington
Alicia Edquist
Jose (Jay) Elarcosa
David Tilahun
Hillary Mennella
Patrick O'Donnell

ABSENT: Karla Duarte
Pilar Mata
Omar Gutierrez-Rocha
Nancy Buvinger
Judi Holmes
Stephanie Barlow

GUEST(S):

1. CALL TO ORDER

David Moore called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. in LC-51.

2. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING SUMMARY

The February 20, 2019 meeting summary was approved.

3. SHELTER IN PLACE DRILL

Chief Gallivan gave a review of the Shelter in Place drill, which was conducted today at 10:15AM and concluded at 10:40AM. The evening drill is also scheduled for today and it starts at 7:15PM. The Chief stated that he encouraged feedback from the committee on their experience with the drill, and what he can do to improve the drill for the future. Everyone agreed the drill was a success and the communication leading up to the drill was especially good. The members commented favorably on the many A frame signs, the marquee messages, the Nixle text messages and the emails sent out regarding the drill. Some committee members stated that they were unsure of the drill schedule, as in how long should they shelter in place before watching the video? The Chief said that was a good point and he would note that for next year. Deb Buffington said that she went out into her hallways and encouraged students to come into the classrooms to watch the video. She also stated that many of her instructors used it as a discussion topic with the students, such as where would be the best place to shelter in his location? The Chief said that his goal is education, and he reminded everyone the Campus Police is available to assess areas for escape routes or safe harbor. Further, the Chief stated that next year the college will be using a new mass messaging system called Rave Alert, which integrates with PeopleSoft to synchronize all staff and student emails and phones for emergency messaging. He also noted that Campus Police have been invited to participate in the Cerritos Sheriff's department active shooter drill off campus, and he hope many of his staff will accept the offer.

4. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Hillary Mennella discussed her recent efforts to designate the campus as tobacco and vape free. She stated that the Chancellor's Office encouraged tobacco and vape free campuses, and that her department had secured a \$70,000 grant through June 2021 to promote education measures regarding this public health issue. With this grant and state leadership, she conducted research and presented a sample policy to the Coordinating Committee. Hillary also conducted an online survey and town hall type forums on campus. The feedback during the town hall and from the online survey was positive, with 70% or more in favor of a tobacco/vape free campus. However, the feedback from Coordinating was to perform more community outreach, to let the community know of the college's intentions. After the Coordinating meeting and the survey, there was a significant email chain from faculty that was opposed to the ban, mostly because they felt it infringed on personal choice. Hillary stated that she would continue her efforts and promote the concept on campus.

5. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2019 in LC-51.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.