

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jean Schodorf at 1:30 p.m. on March 16, 2010, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Chris Steineger- absent

Committee staff present:
Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dorothy Gerhardt, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
Maj Gen Tod M. Bunting, Adjutant General, Kansas National Guard
Dr. Bob Hull, Director, Kansas Center for Safe and Prepared Schools
Jerry Tenbrink, Kansas Center for Safe and Prepared Schools
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas State Department of Education

Others attending:
See attached list.

Presentation: Kansas Center for Safe and Prepared Schools

Maj Gen Tod M. Bunting, Adjutant General, Kansas National Guard, Dr. Bob Hull, Director, Kansas Center for Safe and Prepared Schools, ([Attachment 1](#)) and Jerry Tenbrink, Kansas Center for Safe and Prepared Schools appeared before the committee with a presentation on the Kansas Center for Safe and Prepared Schools (KC-SPS) program. This program was created in 2009 to provide a central office to coordinate safety and preparedness activities within the schools. The Center was developed as a coordinated effort with other state agencies after a need was recognized among superintendents across the state.

The mission of the KC-SPS is to coordinate, recommend and implement resources and training that will improve safe and prepared learning environments for Kansas schools. The Center will provide leadership in assisting schools in the prevention of, preparation for, response to and recovery from crisis events that impact schools and their communities.

A short question and answer session was held with the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 02:25 p.m.

Preparedness in Kansas Schools The All-Hazards Approach

Presented to
Kansas Educational Leaders
by

Maj. General Tod Bunting - Kansas' TAG
Dr. Bob Hull & Mr. Jerry Tenbrink
Kansas Center for Safe & Prepared Schools

The Beginning

- Welcome and Introductions
- Governor's Commission (Fall Of 2006)
- Start of the Kansas Center for Safe and Prepared Schools (KC-SPS) - Jan. 2009
- Today 240 some of the 293 school districts are members
- Focus on the All-Hazards Approach to School Safety and Preparedness



School's Mission Statement

Schools provide a safe environment where all students acquire skills, knowledge, abilities and behaviors necessary to be productive citizens in an ever changing world.



Kansas School Preparedness

- Recent Kansas History
- Typical day 20-25% of Population is in a School Setting
- Legislative Resolutions
- 2007 Survey of Superintendents
- Review of School Crisis Plans
- 2009 Survey Results



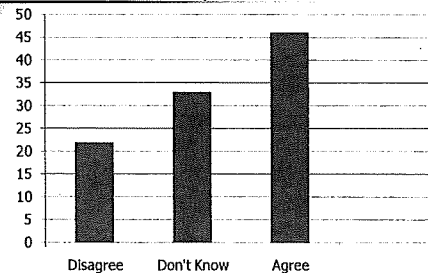
KC-SPS Survey

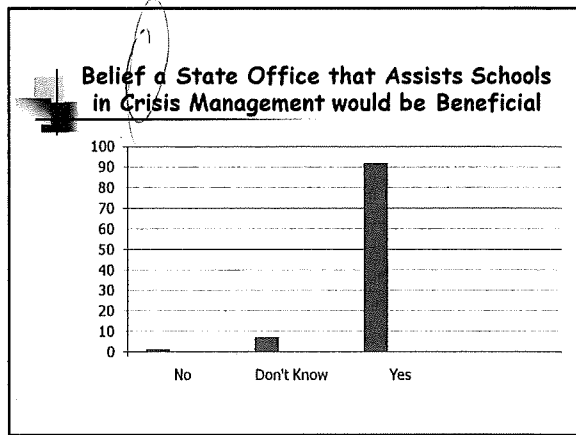
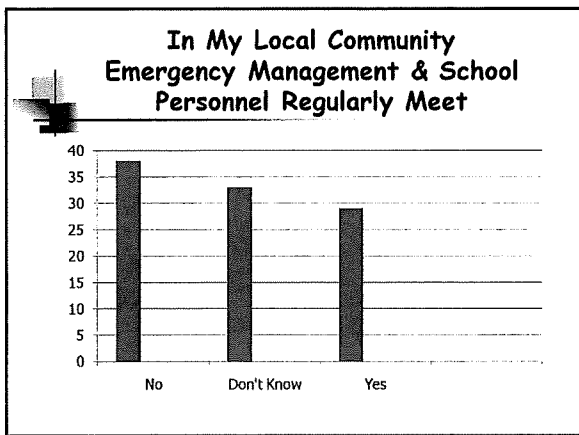
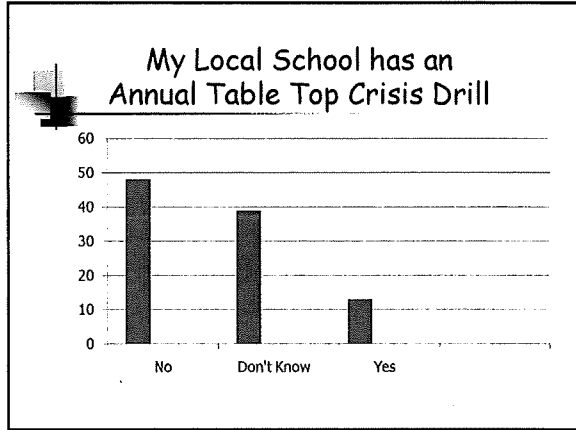
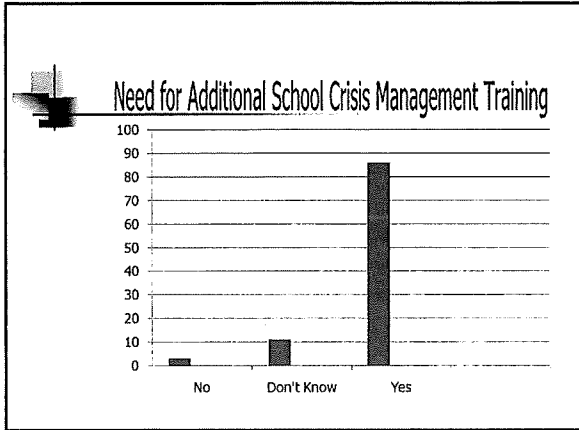
* Conduct a survey from emergency management, school personnel and first responders in order to:

1. Establish baseline data
2. Identify opportunities for improvement
3. Identify barriers & challenges
4. Assisting in charting future actions
5. Obtain feedback



Schools with Adequate All-Hazards Plan





Kansas Center-Safe & Prepared Schools Mission Statement

- (a) To provide leadership, training and resources that will improve the safe and prepared learning environments in Kansas Schools
- (b) To provide leadership in assisting schools in the prevention (mitigation) of, preparation for, response to and recovery from crisis events that impact their schools and communities

KC-SPS Duties

- Clearinghouse on safety & preparedness issues
- Establish and implement training and exercise programs
- Create and deploy a school crisis resource center
- Coordinate expectations & standards for school safety and preparedness

KC-SPS Guiding Principles-I

- * Every educational setting is vulnerable to threats and crisis events. Kansas schools are not uniformly prepared, equipped nor trained to respond to emergency school events.
- Regardless of current challenges (financial, policy, political or otherwise), schools have a duty to provide a safe and prepared learning environment for our students, staff and patrons. The question is not if, but when, a school crisis event occurs, how prepared are we?
- During these challenging economic times, seek ways to bring awareness and improvement of school safety and school preparedness so they have minimal or no money costs to local schools.
- Clearly state standards and expectations schools should be implement for safety and preparedness in their schools.
- Promote best practices - minimize mandates.
- Advocate and be the voice for children during times of crisis.



KC-SPS Guiding Principles-II

- Focus on the positive connection between academic success and a safe and prepared school learning environment
- All school crisis events are local and school officials become first responders.
- School crisis events are community events and community crisis events are school events. The worlds of education, emergency management and first responders should work together in advance of and continually for crisis events that impact their schools and communities.
- Training is continuous due to changing expectations and staff turnover. The all-hazards approach is the consistent theme for training & preparedness.
- Advocacy for school safety and preparedness must be constant while public interest in the topic tends to be more cyclic.
- KC-SPS will advocate (resources/funding) for its other partners in the school safety & preparedness areas. School nurses, SRO's & Dare Officers and school mental health professionals are vital to school preparedness.



KC-SPS Accomplishments in 2009 (Part I)

- Created mission statement - guiding goals & objectives
- New membership of 240 schools
- Launched 'Pilot School Projects'
- Governor's Proclamation - Prepared Schools Week
- Presented testimony to legislature
- Presented mini-grants of \$220,000
- Formed the KC-SPS Working Group to advise & counsel
- Co-hosted state conference on safe & prepared schools
- Assisted FEMA with development of a new school course
- Sent a team from Ulysses to EMI to pilot new course
- Co-hosted dinner with U.S. Asst Secretary of Education



KC-SPS Accomplishments in 2009 (Part II)

- Created model school crisis plan
- Conducted survey to ensure decisions are data driven
- Created and distributed building & classroom crisis kits
- Participated in over 2 dozen workshops
- Participated on national level with FEMA & U.S. Dept of Ed on school preparedness and safety issues
- Establish a Topeka office with KS Division of Emergency Management
- Lead and sponsor Governor's Commission on Healthy & Prepared Schools
- Sponsored KHS to do vulnerability assessments at schools



Model School Building Crisis Plan

- Based on the All Hazards Approach
- Built upon 4 phases of Emergency Management (Prevention or Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery)
- Crisis Management Action Outline
- Universal Emergency Procedures (Drills and Skills)



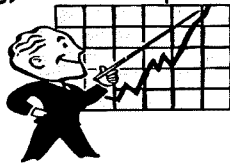
Spring Regional Workshops

- 7 Regional Workshops across the state
- Designed for School Crisis Coordinators
- Approximately 140 attendees
- Highlights of attendee's evaluation responses



Strategic Change

- Changing Conversations
- Changing School Culture
- Changing (expanding) Job Descriptions
- Changing Realities



Questions and Answers Comments

- Surveys
- Mission and Duties
- Annual Report
- Model School Plan
- Spring Workshop 'Takeways'
- Strategic Change



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