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N.C. Center for Safer Schools

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Frank L. Perry, Secretary

Governor's Task Force on Safer Schools

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December 4, 2013

Task Force Members

Chair, Chip Hughes
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Wendy Jordan
Tom Kilby
Dir. Rob Kindsvatter
Dr. Ben Matthews
Greta Metcalf
Evonne Moore
Joe Pass
Sec. Frank Perry
Chad Rorie
Luke Stancil

Guests

Tony Lee
Doug Coley
Susie Reeves
Mark Martin
Mark Strickland
Mike Anderson
Andrew Larowe
Matt Knight
Jeffrey Rink
Christina Minard
Andrew Cagle
Kimberly Williams
Susan Robinson
Sonya Brown
Janet Pueschel
Joe Prater
Pam Walker
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Steve Lapiano
Derek Graham
Ann McColl
Greg Baker
Bill Chamberlain

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Dick Hayes
Denise Briggs
George Dudley
Diana Kees
Julie Singer
Lisa Partin
Pam Hoggard
Kym Martin
William Lassiter
Martin Pharr

- Chip Hughes started the meeting at 10:17 am and thanked everyone for attending. Gave overview of goals and mission of task force. Secretary Perry was recognized and thanked for being in attendance. Also recognized were Commissioner David Guice, Joe Prater, Dep. Comm. for Administration, Mark Strickland with the Justice Academy, Commissioner Greg Baker, Jan Pueschel with the ABC Commission, Gary Bell, Deputy Commander with the Highway Patrol. There are 3 steering committees: 1) Physical Security and Emergency Preparedness-comprised of many law enforcement members, Sheriff Holland is the Chair, 2) Mental Health and students with special needs, Greta Metcalf is the Chair, 3) School climate and discipline, Dr. Ben Matthews is the chair. Executive Director Kym Martin was also recognized. Secretary Perry was introduced to speak.
- Sec. Perry described the overall mission of the N.C. Center for Safer Schools and the recommendations contained within the Center's 2013 Report to the Governor.
- The Hon. Mark Martin administered the oath of office to the members of the task force.

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- Kym Martin and Billy Lassiter gave an overview of the N.C. Center for Safer Schools, along with a presentation on school safety concerns in North Carolina. The presentation included information on the creation of the Center; the Center's spring 2013 statewide forums/listening sessions; development of the 2013 Report to the Governor; and creation of the Task Force for Safer Schools. Martin shared that some of the Center's current activities are the development of a smartphone app for anonymous reporting; the establishment of four staff positions within the center; the development of a web-based emergency planning tool, and meetings with key stakeholders.

Lassiter discussed issues such as the physical security of schools; the roles of resource officers; programs for students; and debunked school and youth violence myths.

- Chairman Chip Hughes released the group for a break and explained to members how steering committees would be formed. The committees are 1) Physical security and emergency preparedness, 2) Mental Health and students with special needs and 3) School climate and discipline.
- Dr. Ben Matthews, the Director of Safe and Healthy Schools in the Department of Public Instruction provided an update on the school resource officer and panic alarm grants.
- John Dorman, the Program Director of the Geospatial and Technology Management office at N.C. Emergency Management, reported on the web-based school emergency plan.
- The Chair and Vice-Chair named the task force members to committees.

1) Physical security and Emergency Preparedness

Sheriff Robert Holland-Chair

Buddy Collins

Jim MacCallum

Chad Rorie

Tyree Davis

2) Mental health and students with special needs

Greta Metcalf-Chair

Chris Minard

Tom Kilby

Sonya Brown

Evonne Moore

Susan Robinson

Rod Kindsvatter

Wendy Jordan

3) School Climate and discipline

Ben Matthews-Chair

Luke Stancil

Joe Pass
Dale Cole
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Mary Jane Ferguson

New Business

2014 Task Force meetings will be held in March, June and September, at locations around the state to be determined.

- Chairman Hughes appointed Chief Tony Lee from Trent Woods Police Department, Special Agent Matt Knight, Trooper Jeff Rink and Trooper Doug Coley to the Physical Security and Emergency Preparedness Steering Committee.
- Executive Director Kym Martin recommended Sonya Brown and Susan Robinson to the Mental Health and Students with Special Needs Steering Committee.
- The Chairman asked the Committee Chairs to advise him and the Vice-Chair when the committees are going to meet so he can plan to attend.
- Brief introduction of members.
- Chairman Hughes asked all members to educate their respective local entities about the Safer Schools Task Force and when the committees are meeting and to get them involved.
- Chairman Hughes asked for a motion to adjourn, which came from Dr. Ben Matthews with a second from Sheriff Holland. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.