

**Safe Schools and School Health Advisory Council  
Minutes  
December 7, 2010**

The School Health and Safe Schools Advisory Council met on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 6:30 PM.

A sign in sheet is available for review upon request.

**R-Time/Bully Prevention Program:**

Cherie Wagoner, Principal of J. A. Vitovsky Elementary School, shared information on the training of her staff and success of “R-Time at her school. She has seen a big improvement with her students this year on behavior and decrease in discipline referrals. Respect is key, and students have R-Time every Wednesday morning at 7:50. Every 6 weeks a boy and girl from each homeroom are selected by fellow students to receive the “Diamond Award.” These students show exemplary character traits that their fellow students notice.

R-Time had initially been piloted at J. R. Irvin and is still in place.

**Rachel’s Challenge:**

Principals collectively applied for and received a MEF grant for Rachel’s Challenge. Rachel Scott was a student who was killed in the tragic Columbine shooting. An essay was found of hers that stated how people should properly and respectfully treat one another, no matter what their differences are and start a chain reaction of kindness. Teaching Materials will be shared with the students to support our anti-bullying policies and create our “chain reaction.”

**Community Drug Awareness Meeting**

Will take place on February 7, 2011 and Carlos Cruz will be the guest speaker.

**Safe Schools Survey**

Mrs. Knight reminded the committee that secondary students would again be participating in the Safe School Survey during the month of February. Students with parent permission will complete an anonymous, online survey, answering questions related to school safety.

Parents will also be able to complete the survey and this will be available on the night of the community awareness meeting.

**Campus CATCH Committee Goals:**

A Representative from J. R. Irvin, Vitovsky, T. E. Baxter, Longbranch, and LaRue Miller Elementary Schools shared their campus CATCH committee goals for 2010-2011 school year. Great ideas were shared to increase and support healthy attitudes and life styles, which will be sustainable for our district.

**“Aim For Success” Parent Review Program:**

Diane Foster shared with everyone that the parent preview for “Aim For Success,” our abstinence program, will be on March 3, 2011 at 6:30pm in the LA Mills Administration Building. Presentations to the Eighth grade students are scheduled for the week of March 7, 2011 and for Seventh grade students in the week of May 2, 2011.

**Next Meeting: February 7, 2011 at 6:00pm with Community Drug Awareness Meeting Immediately Following**