School-Based Arrest Task Force Purpose Statement

The School-Based Arrest task force goal is to reduce rates of in-school arrests and exclusionary discipline while promoting fair and equitable treatment.

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Summary of Last Meeting’s Activities:
   a. Representative came and talked about the Hope Squad
   b. Talked about the Resource Fairs

III. Activity:
   a. Stephanie Hoesing, Social Worker Supervisor, OPS
      i. Social workers are in all 7 high schools and ½ of the middle schools.
      ii. Collaboration with the SROs tends to vary from school to school.
      iii. Issues that are commonly collaborated on:
          1. Child abuse and neglect;
          2. Missing or runaway;
          3. Suicide intervention and mental health issues;
          4. There has been some discussion as to whether an SRO can Emergency Protective Custody (EPC) a student; some say yes, some say no. Ofc. Carlisle offered that they can in an emergency situation, if the parent cannot be reached or is refusing, but efforts are made to make parental contact and everything is documented. There is a threat assessment process in place and the SRO may be a member of that team;
          5. Calming and deescalating a student who is aggressive;
          6. Wellness checks on students.

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Operation Youth Success  
School Based Arrest Task Force Notes  
Tuesday, September 25, 2018  
4pm to 5:30pm  
UNO Community Engagement Center, Room 221

iv. Social workers would reach out to the SRO when external assistance is needed. If the SRO has a relationship with a student they may help or if they are in close proximity.

v. School social workers have their Masters in Social Work and are licensed mental health practitioners and they work collaboratively with counselors and psychologists; primary role is to be that connection between school, home and community. The reality is that they will help students and families with whatever issues they have.

vi. Joint trainings around things like threat assessment or mental health, supporting students would be beneficial.

vii. SSL’s went from 36 to 18; no one has just one school, they have multiple schools.

b. School Resource Fairs
   i. King Science Middle School and McMillan Middle School
   ii. Thursday, 10-18 from 3:30 pm to 7 pm
   iii. Karla will update the list of providers and who is going to contact them by tomorrow and send it out to the work group members; work group members contact people a.s.a.p. and the response deadline is October 5th.

c. SRO Current Community Events – Sgt. Shepard
   i. Currently hold various community events around the city, i.e., Cops & Bobbers, Meet & Treat
   ii. Sgt. Shepard will email a list of events to Karla to distribute
   iii. It would be nice to schedule some types of events at the schools where the student and the officers could interact

d. OYS and Member Updates
   i. OYS is creating a Juvenile Justice Youth Council as an advisory council. The nomination process in currently ongoing, nominations include nominating someone else or yourself. Young people who have been involved in the juvenile justice system, ages 16-25. See the OYS Facebook page for details and the flyer.

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