

Safety/Crisis Committee

Notes

January 16, 2018

Note: Meeting was not held because school was called off for the day. This is an update based on the agenda.

- I. Workers Comp Claims
- II. Crisis Go app update
Now piloting it with a couple groups of staff to see if the support information is enough to allow us to expand it district wide.
- III. Review school closure procedures
The district contacts staff and parents via SchoolMessenger. Information is provided to local/Wichita TV and radio, posted on social media and updated on the district's website.

Tuesday's school closure (Jan. 16, 2018) was not a typical closure. There were no issues with schools being ready or roads being hazardous. Instead, it all had to do with predicted wind chills in the hours before the day's first school bells.

Monday afternoon, administrators worked for more than an hour, looking at wind chill forecasts and considering the number of students who walk to school. In the end, the administrators wanted to err on the side of student/staff safety.

Staff and parents also are encouraged to listen/watch local media in case there are phone or issues. Generally, the district attempts to notify families and media about school closures before 10 p.m. or before 6 a.m. if the storm comes in overnight. Tuesday's closure was announced at about 5 p.m.

The district does everything not to call off school once the school day has started. Calling off school during the day means some students will go home to locked homes or must walk through wintry weather. Parents, at their own discretion, can sign out their own students if they are concerned about the weather.

Winter Weather Resource, including wind chill info:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/winter/outreach.shtml>

- IV. Next meeting date: Feb. 20, 2018, 1:15 p.m.