



**Santa Rosa Violence Prevention
Partnership
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

9:00 AM

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1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair MacDonald opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. SCHEDULED ITEMS

3.1 SCHOOL SAFETY DEBRIEF AND DISCUSSION

Policy Team members discussed issues of school safety in Santa Rosa, reflected on what has taken place recently, and what steps The Partnership will take to support schools and students moving forward.

Updates from Santa Rosa City Schools, Santa Rosa Police Department and the Violence Prevention Partnership (The Partnership):

Superintendent Trunnell provided an update on the work the district has done prior to and after the March 1 incident at Montgomery High School, including creation of the Safety Advisory Round Table (SART).

Lt. Philp with the Santa Rosa Police Department provided an update that due to recent events; they are receiving more calls from schools related to graffiti, possession of drugs, and fights. Their goal is to work collaboratively with the schools for best practices.

Interim Program Manager Garduno provided an update on the work the Violence Prevention Partnership has been doing since January, including the launch of the strategic plan update and reinvigorating the crisis response team.

Main Issues

The Policy Team spent time discussing issues impacting youth and families that they are observing in the various sectors they work in. The main issues that came up often and were discussed at length were:

1. Behavioral issues from early age (preschool) on up
2. Youth feel disconnected from their communities
3. System of consequences is not working

Main Themes

During the discussion, Policy Team Members were asked to reflect on what The Partnership is doing that is working well and what is missing from the work that The Partnership is doing. The following themes emerged from the discussion:

1. Communication and Engagement
2. Funding
3. Education and Training
4. School Safety
5. Programming Alternatives

Next Steps

Staff provided an overview of next steps that The Partnership will be taking following the meeting. These steps include:

- Strategic planning process: continue to work on strategic plan at upcoming Policy and Operational Team meetings.
- Meeting follow-up: send notes with themes to Policy Team Members.

Comments from Operational Team:

- Frustration expressed and concern over elementary school aged children who are afraid to be on school campus.
- Building rapport with the parents will help them by wanting to be engaged with the school and their children.
- When developing groups/organizations in schools, the youth who need to be engaged and participate are not. Groups that are formed are usually by the already driven, scholastic type of student.
- Parents need to be more involved, but schools are not involving them.

Public Comment: None.

3.2 UPDATES AND OTHER ITEMS

Discussion did not take place due to time constraints.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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