

**Minutes**

Safe Schools Committee Meeting  
October 28, 2014  
Arkansas Department of Education  
#4 Capitol Mall, Room 201-A  
Little Rock, AR 72201

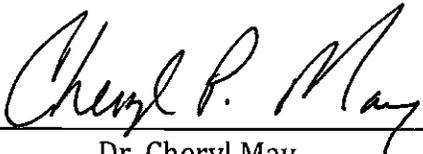
Arkansas Department of Education Chief of Staff Deborah Coffman called the Safe Schools Committee meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. October 28, 2014. The following were in attendance: Pam Fitzgiven, Scott Spainhour, Jeff Collum, Jamie Hammond, Phyllis Curtis, Bubba Jones, Vicki French for (Dr. Cheryl May – chair of the committee), Deborah Coffman, ADE Director of Communications Kimberly Friedman, Legislative Service Director Michelle Griffin, and Dr. Mandy Gillup with the Bureau of Legislative Research.

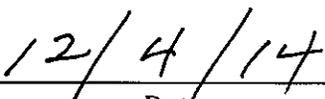
After introductions, Coffman gave a brief history of the committee and stated that the committee’s last report was from 1998. The Safe Schools Committee was recently re-formed after agency staff and legislators realized the legislation that formed the committee did not have a sunset clause. The October 28 meeting was the first meeting with the newly appointed committee. Coffman informed the group that additional members could be added as needed. The committee briefly reviewed the 1998 report.

Coffman provided an overview of the committee’s responsibilities that are identified in Ark. Ann. Code § 6-15-1301. The committee reviewed statutes and rules that relate to school safety. Prior to the meeting, ADE staff posted relevant legislation on the ADE website at the following link: <http://www.arkansased.org/divisions/communications/safe-schools-committee>. The committee was asked to review the legislation and provide comments regarding updates and changes, if necessary, that are needed. Some of the topics discussed included building a better communication plan, building partnerships, providing more training, making recommendations for new legislation, and asking for additional funding. The committee’s complete feedback is included in the attached document.

The committee will meet at 12:30 p.m. December 4, 2014, in Conference Room 303-B.

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

  
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Dr. Cheryl May

  
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