

**Gratiot County SSA Meeting**  
**January 12, 2021**  
**Minutes**

- I. Call to Order: 9:02 am via zoom
- II. Attendance: Richelle Davis (Child Advocacy), Traci Gavenda (Ashley Schools), Paul Hungerford (Fulton Schools), Jennifer McKittrick (St. Louis Schools), Dan Morden (911/Central Dispatch), Steven Netzley (Ithaca Schools), Dave Nelson (Fire Chiefs Association), Danielle Payne (GIRESD), Richard Ramereiz (St. Louis PD), Kelli Sigafoose (GIRESD), Wade Slavik (Breckenridge Schools), Michael Soltis (Gratiot County EM), Heather Therrien (Child Advocacy), Mark Williams (Alma Public Safety), Jeff Yonker (MSP-Homeland Security)
- III. New Business
  - a. LifeVac
    - i. Discussion in regards to the importance of this for childcare areas and lunchrooms.
    - ii. Is there funding available? Each device costs approximately \$80 each.
    - iii. Law enforcement and medical trainers encouraged training of staff annually if these are placed in buildings. Also, devices should be used in conjunction with current CPR/First Aid training, not as a stand-alone method.
    - iv. Decision was made to wait until there is more information.
- IV. Gratiot-Isabella RESD
  - a. GIRESD has a page on their website specific for school safety. This will be updated to include meeting agendas/minutes, resources, etc.
- V. Emergency Management-
  - a. Staff has been vaccinated
  - b. Districts have been submitting drill reports. If a school is not able to complete a drill, they must document why they are not able to complete.
- VI. Sherriff's Department/City Department
  - a. Alma Public Safety- have hired new staff. Staff that wanted the Covid vaccine have been vaccinated and currently have no cases.
  - b. St. Louis PD- No Covid Cases. They are currently restricting unnecessary activities to keep exposure down. Do have staff that are able to train n CPR/First Aid (AHA) and stop the bleed. United Way has their "Pitch-er This" grant open. <https://www.uwgic.org/pitch>  
Vaping continues to increase. They are working with St. Louis Schools and Substance Abuse Coalition to provide education.
  - c. Homeland Security- The SEOP has been partially activated for 314 days. Thank you to the school staff for the work you are doing.
- VII. Local Districts

- a. St. Louis- back to school as of January 4. Currently no Covid cases. Large number of staff members have signed up to get vaccine, but have to wait due to vaccine shortage.
- b. Ithaca-back face to face. Have had to quarantine a small number of students and staff due to outside exposure.
- c. RESD programs- All programs are back up and running face to face
- d. Ashley-Back face to face as of January 11. A few staff members were able to get vaccinated which helped boost morale.
- e. Fulton-students were remote from November until January 4 primarily due to staff shortage. Some staff have been able to get vaccinated and more are waiting to be vaccinated.
- f. Breckenridge-Students are back face to face with virtual option. Approximately 15% of students are virtual which continues to decrease.

VIII. Old Business

- a. [OK2Say Contact Information Update](#)- update contact information to include anyone needed to be contact in case OK2Say has a referral.
- b. [Safety Drill Update](#)- schools are still required to perform safety drills. If there are any questions about requirements or interpretations, schools may contact Jeff Yonker at MSP.
- c. [School Safety Resource Officer Information](#)- no schools have a SRO at this time.
- d. Radio Checks- Central dispatch is continuing to do radio checks on First Thursday of each month. If your radio is on the SSA network, please make sure to have someone available that can check the radios and respond to central dispatch.

IX. Roundtable

- a. 911/Central Dispatch-remember to enroll in Smart911 at Smart911.com. Would like to update superintendent rave alert database.
- b. Child Advocacy
  - i. Were able to still hold the Shop with a Hero event. This was a drive through event that helped 62 students and families. Thank you to the heroes and schools that helped with this event.
  - ii. Make sure to continue to send reports for Handle with Care.
  - iii. Child Advocacy has several upcoming events. Flyers will be included with meeting minutes.
  - iv. Stewards of Children training is available monthly (next Jan. 27 and Feb. 22). This is a 2.5 hour training to help recognize child abuse. Trainers can also come directly to districts to train.

X. Meeting adjourned at 9:46 am

XI. Next Meeting March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am via zoom