

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**RESPONSE TO POWER BASED VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2024**

**TIME: 2:30PM**

*Summary of Minutes of the Regular Meeting*

In Attendance VIA Videoconference:

**Committee Members**

Chair Evans  
Vice Chair Comis  
Member Kennedy  
Member Rodriguez  
Member Silva  
Member Comis  
Member Blinco  
Member Lewis-Bealer  
Member Garbutt  
Member Klein

**Department Staff**

Director Higley – Department of Education, Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment  
Secretary Lufrano – Department of Education, Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning

**Additional Attendees**

Kevin McPartlin – Clark County School District  
Adam Burns – Clark County School District  
Erin Walker – State Public Charter School Authority  
Stephanie Keating – Carson City School District

**1. Call to Order and roll call**

Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 2:31pm. Quorum was established.

**2. Public Comment #1**

No public Comment was submitted to record.

**3. New Member Introductions**

Four new members were appointed since the last committee meeting and were given an opportunity to introduce themselves to the rest of the committee.

**4. Approval of previous Meeting Minutes**

Members reviewed the last meeting minutes from December meeting. No discussion or revisions were requested. Motion to approve as written by Vice Chair Comis, Seconded by member Silva. Vote passed unanimously.

**5. Awareness Campaign, Posters, Memorandum of Understanding**

Members discussed how schools engage and what exists currently to inform families and community members. It is noted that there are many different months that bring awareness to various types of violence that fall under the umbrella of power-based violence. Vice Chair Comis notes that the next steps need to be something that is easily attainable, understandable and distributable to families and communities. Member Klein requested to receive a packet for all information that is required by law to be posted and he can disseminate it to all other superintendents and scrolls across the state as a digital resource. It was noted by Member S. Comis that most students are not out there reading posters or looking at the website actively and that this information would be better placed into the curriculum during a health class. Which was agreed by other members of this committee. Guest Walker asked about a student led leadership campaign to bring the students voice into the conversation and to provide a clearer picture. Member Kennedy asked about what was already out there versus what we are asking to be done. Member Silva and Dr. Higley mentioned SafeVoice and the ability to add a possible pop up for power-based violence resources when a tip comes in that falls within that category of power-based violence. However, it was discussed and agreed that it isn't the best way to disseminate information. Vice-chair notes that student discussion and connections with school staff are the best way to get word out. Member Keating suggests that we look at how certain positions are trained and how we can train other positions and disseminate all parts throughout the school. It was noted by Gust McPartlin that ESSER money is running out and this can affect awareness. Due to the ideas and limited resources a motion was made by Member Silva to revisit this conversation in another meeting. Vice-Chair Comis seconds and the motion passed unanimously.

**6. Discuss Admin Panel**

Members revisited and discussed the topic of bringing in a panel. It was discussed and recommended by Guest McPartlin to have representatives for all grade levels. This was agreed upon by all members to move forward with that idea. Panel is set for next meeting.

**7. Future Agenda Items**

Members discussed future agenda items and considered Administrator panel for the April Meeting June more in-depth conversations regarding curriculum and recommendations to the legislature

**8. Public Comment #2**

No public comment made

**9. Adjournment at 4:15 pm.**