

C4SE Meeting 3-17-2026

1. Meeting Information

- **Topic:** Legislative and district-level strategies concerning student discipline, school safety, and committee effectiveness.

2. Discussion Overview

- **Agenda Item 1:** Legislative Strategy for Student Discipline Bill
 - **Key Points:**
 - **Speaker 1:** Noted that legislators did not attend the scheduled update but their staff are working on the bills. "Justin Williamson Briscoe's chief of staff is in more communication with the legislation team, the legal side and, They have copied me on a couple emails, so I know that there is work going on." The legislation involves multiple bills: "It's two new in in three revised."
 - **Speaker 2:** Questioned potential opposition: "Do we feel like there's going to be any. Opposition from any body, any politician, any group."
 - **Speaker 3:** Stated, "you're going to get pushed back from from Democrats." and suggested a bipartisan strategy: "bring in Carol Alvarado, which is the Democrat state senator representing us, And the Republican state senator Dennis Paul representing us to let's hash this out now." Emphasized the goal is to pass the legislation in the 90th session to avoid a multi-year delay and mentioned the influence of Paul Buentello: "If he doesn't want your bill passed, it won't get passed."
 - **Speaker 4:** Believed there would be opposition to the criminal charges aspect: "There could be especially I think when it comes to the charges, the criminal charges you're going to hit some opposition." Also suggested involving another legislator, Terry Leo Wilson, stating, "I will give her a call before the next meeting."
 - **Speaker 5:** Believed opposition would come from parents who think "their baby doesn't do no wrong." and that teachers and their unions would be supportive.
 - **Points of Divergence:**

- While there was general agreement that pushback would occur, the primary source of that opposition was debated, with some focusing on parents (Speaker 5) and others on specific political parties (Speaker 3).
 - **Interim Conclusion:**
 - The group agreed on the need to engage legislators and their staff to advance a set of bills for the 90th Legislative Session. The strategy is to frame the bill as a statewide initiative, not just a Harris County issue, and to build a bipartisan coalition early by engaging specific Democratic and Republican state senators and influential figures to streamline the process.
- **Agenda Item 2: District-Level Discipline and Safety Committee Strategies**
 - **Supporting Data:**
 - The Goose Creek ISD assigns the Campus Behavior Coordinator (CBC) role to the head principal, a practice Speaker 4 identified as being in the "minority". Principals receive "zero" training for this role.
 - An idea to form an agreement with the Chambers County District Attorney was deemed not legally feasible by the district's legal team.
 - The district created the "Student Safety Advisory Committee" after the student-led "Student Safety Coalition" presented its goals. The district committee has had only one meeting since [January] and no further meetings are scheduled.
 - During the committee's only meeting, members of the Student Safety Coalition were separated and not allowed to sit together. All student leaders of the coalition are graduating this year.
 - **Recommended Actions:**
 - **Speaker 1:** Expressed concern that principals make an "arbitrary decision to not use ISS and just send them home," calling it a "huge failure" to assign the CBC role to the head principal. Regarding the student committee, Speaker 1 pledged to "make a phone call tomorrow [2026-03-22]" to the district office and stated, "I'm calling a meeting with executive staff, Councilman's going with me."
 - **Speaker 4:** Noted that separating the CBC role from principals "did not really get a whole lot of traction" in a recent committee vote. Shared a teacher's perspective that the "story behind" a student's discipline record does not transfer between school levels.

- **Speaker 5:** Highlighted that discipline issues start early and communication breaks down, with parents not being told of a problem "until it was at rock bottom."
- **Speaker 6:** Recommended the students "shoot Doctor Rodriguez an email and request that meeting" for a direct discussion.
- **Speaker 7:** Expressed the difficulty in finding new student members with the "drive to keep going on an issue that has died out."

3. Decisions Made

- **Confirmed Items:**
 - ★ All votes will be held until a quorum is present.
 - ★ The initiative for the new bill should be statewide, not just focused on Harris County.
 - ★ Speaker 1 will call the district office to inquire about the Student Safety Advisory Committee.
 - ★ Speaker 1 will arrange a meeting with the district's executive staff to discuss the handling of the student committee.
 - ★ A joint meeting between the Student Council at Sterling and the Safety Coalition team will be arranged.
 - ★ The group will have a meeting on Monday, 2026-03-23.
- **Items Pending Verification:**
 - ◆ Confirmation of legislator attendance for the next meeting.
 - ◆ Whether the district's legal team has officially concluded that an interlocal agreement with the Chambers County DA is impossible.
 - ◆ The Student Safety Coalition will be invited to present at an upcoming Student Council meeting to recruit new members.
 - ◆ A private meeting between the Student Safety Coalition and Dr. Rodriguez.

4. Actions

- **Task:** Send follow-up emails to legislators to schedule them for the next meeting.
- **Responsible Person:** @Speaker 1
- **Deadline:** Before the next monthly meeting (approx. 2026-04-21).
- **Task:** Reach out to legislators on the "other side of the aisle" to build bipartisan support (specifically State Senator Carol Alvarado and State Senator Dennis Paul).
- **Responsible Person:** @Speaker 3
- **Deadline:** Ongoing.
- **Task:** Call and bring legislator Terry Leo Wilson up to speed on the issue.

- **Responsible Person:** @Speaker 4
- **Deadline:** Before the next meeting (approx. 2026-04-21).
- **Task:** Follow up on the Disciplinary Review Board committee's next steps and recommendations.
- **Responsible Person:** @Speaker 4
- **Deadline:** After the meeting on 2026-03-30.
- **Task:** Call the district office to get an update on the Student Safety Advisory Committee.
- **Responsible Person:** @Speaker 1
- **Deadline:** 2026-03-22
- **Task:** Arrange a joint meeting with the Sterling Student Council for the Safety Coalition to present and recruit new members.
- **Responsible Person:** @Speaker 1 (with support from @Speaker 7)
- **Deadline:** Before the next Student Council meeting.
- **Task:** Arrange a meeting with the district executive staff regarding the Student Safety Advisory Committee.
- **Responsible Person:** @Speaker 1
- **Deadline:** Not Specified
- **Task:** Email Dr. Rodriguez to request a direct meeting.
- **Responsible Person:** @Student Safety Coalition members (@Speaker 7, Aiden)
- **Deadline:** Not Specified
- **Task:** Text the contact information for Dr. Rodriguez's secretary.
- **Responsible Person:** @Speaker 1
- **Deadline:** Not specified.

5. Risk Alerts

- **Potential Issues:**
 - Legislators are focused on election-year activities, and the slow pace could push the legislation into the 91st session, delaying it by two to three years. Speaker 3: "The goal, like I said, Is to get this done in the 90th legislature and not switch to the 91st."
 - The proposed bill could be perceived as a targeted political attack on the Harris County DA. Opposition is expected from parent groups and Democratic legislators regarding criminal charges for minors.
 - Key political figures, such as Paul Buentello, hold significant power and could block the bill if not properly engaged.
 - The Student Safety Coalition is losing all its senior leaders to graduation, posing a significant risk to the group's continuity. Speaker 7: "Every single one of y'all graduating this year? Yes!"

- The district-led “Student Safety Advisory Committee” is viewed as a "damage control" tactic, and its structure has silenced student organizers.
- Inconsistent application of rules and lack of access to student disciplinary history for all relevant staff are undermining discipline and safety within schools.

- **Contingency Plans:**

- Proactively engage legislators and their staff during the non-session period to ensure the issue remains a priority.
- Build a bipartisan coalition early (e.g., having Carol Alvarado and Dennis Paul co-author) to streamline the process.
- Proactively recruit younger students for the Student Safety Coalition by partnering with the Sterling Student Council.
- Speaker 1 will escalate issues with the district’s student safety committee by calling a meeting with the district’s executive staff.
- Develop a more robust social media strategy to improve outreach to students and parents.