

Minutes of the Safe and Accepting Schools Team, April 26/2018

Kim Melvin-Long	Principal
Janet Pomeroy	Teacher Rep and DT
Shelly Crowe	Educational Assistant (Regrets)
Constable Weston	Gananoque Police Dept.
Maya Watson	Grade 6 Student
Rebecca Watson	Parent Council Member

Items discussed:

Survey Results were shared.

Mrs. Pomeroy collated the data for the team.

Some significant information was gleaned from the data.

96% of our student body feels that they have good friends at school and everyone who took the survey had at least one adult in the building that they could go to for help if needed.

Almost 100% of our students from grade 2-6 knew and understood about our WITS anti-bullying program and generally felt comfortable using it. (Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek Help).

Only 58% of grade one students knew or understood about our WITS anti-bullying program (Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek Help).

We discussed why only 58%. We determined that this year, because WITS has become so much a part of our everyday language (WITS Posters, WITS morning announcements, WITS Reflection Sheets), we did not concentrate as much on WITS Education as we have done other years (Assemblies, class books and discussion).

We determined that the education piece is key and surmised that if we don't continue with the education piece, our future surveys will show that more and more younger students will not be as able to use their WITS as required.

SIPSAW

Mrs. Melvin-Long shared our SIPSAW (Wellness Goal). She shared how we had our Student Support Partner come in and do a second refresher of the Zones of Regulation, to help both teachers and students remember the Zones Language and intent. Two students are now receiving daily intensive "Zones" Curriculum to help them better self-regulate. We are seeing improvements in the frequency of outbursts in these two students, marking good success.

Bullying and Prevention and Intervention Plan for 2017-18 was passed out to the members and we went over it together. It was accepted as is. No changes required. Plan is also posted on the School Website.

Mrs. Melvin-Long thanked the Safe and Accepting Schools team for their input and their dedication to Linklater's school safety.