

Minutes of the Safe and Accepting Schools Team September 29th

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

1. Mrs. Melvin-Long and Mrs. Pomeroy explained the school initiatives that are already in place in the school to help students respond to issues or moments of anxiety. i.e. WITS and ZONES OF REGULATION, DARE, LOCKDOWN, FIRE DRILLS . Maya gave her perspective on WITS as a student. She loves the language and believes it really works
2. Monitoring the yard: Mrs. M-L explained why we have shortened the yard, yellow lines keeping kids in sight, the supervision of students using walkie talkies for communication, and our recess LC alternative location.
3. Other spaces: We discussed the idea that we want safe places for our students. i.e. 3 transgender washrooms, washroom sign outs so we know where students are at all times. LC as an alternative place for those who find the yard difficult.
4. We discussed whether we think our students feel safe. Maya believed that most of our students do feel safe. Rebecca said that she believes that is one of the reasons that she loves Linklater. Her kids always feel safe, in comparison to her nieces and nephews at other schools. Question raised as to what else can we do.

Action Items:

New Wits Posters: Mrs. Pomeroy

Wits Poster contest: Mrs. Melvin-Long

Indoor recess Rules: Mrs. Melvin-Long

Video Camera up and Running: Mrs. Melvin-Long (with the aid of Mrs. Nash)

Kids Corner in Monthly Newsletter: Maya and Mrs. Melvin-Long

Next Meeting to be set up in December or January to look at survey to examine school safety climate: Mrs. Melvin-Long to set up.