



HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week – Planning Session 2

“MINUTES”

October 12, 2012



Members present: Mandy Savery-Whiteway, Superintendent of Education, Human Resources Support Services, Wendy Sutherland, Safe Schools Team, Todd Reid, Safe Schools Team, Shelley Steele, Supervisor Safe Schools Team, Heather Seres, Principal, Deseronto Public School, Gillian McCurdy, Safe Workplace Coordinator, Alexandra Milne-Gibson, Bayside Secondary School, Tammy Angelatos, Parent Representative, Susan Davies, Curriculum Coordinator, Therese McMahon, Curriculum Coordinator, Kerry Donnell, Communications Officer, Jeff Sudds, Child Youth Counsellor, Alana Deubel, Central Hastings O.P.P., Julie Pohlman-Brogee, Child and Youth Counsellor, Supervisor.

Regrets: Pierre Martin, Vice-president, ETFO, Cathy Portt, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services - Curriculum Services, Dave Templar, Chair Loyalist College Respect Team, Thelma Goodfellow, Trustee, Terry Swift, Children's Mental Health Association, Maribeth deSnoo, HPEDSB Learning Foundation. Hans VerBeek, Belleville Police Services.

Resource:

Mandy Savery-Whiteway, Superintendent, Human Resources Support Services, Safe Schools, Shelley Steele, Supervisor Safe Schools, Wendy Sutherland, Safe Schools Team and Todd Reid, Safe Schools Team.

Minutes:

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Welcome:

Mandy welcomed the group and thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the meeting.

Discussions:

Superintendent Savery-Whiteway stated that today's role of the planning committee is to highlight key pieces of planning to do at the system level. Tasks and long term goals will be discussed. Jeff Sudds, Child and Youth Counsellor informed the committee that one of the things his school did during bullying week was have their Diversity Club and the International Students prepare cuisine from their native homeland(s) for staff and students to sample. This was done to educate others about their country, culture and to promote their message of inclusivity. The committee developed three separate lists to work on, as follows:

- Draft list of Board resources under development

- List of tasks:
 - Pencils and tattoos already ordered

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- Draft a communication to the municipalities proclaiming the week of November 19 -23, 2012 Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week - *completed*
 - Provide a list and contact names of hockey clubs - *completed*
 - Service clubs to be included
 - Get pricing on posters for service clubs and community partners - *completed*
 - Communication on Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week to be setup on the HPEDSB's website so that other community partners and service clubs can use
 - Discussion with senior administration on the roll out of Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week. Last year's event took place at Earl Prentice Public School, this year will be at Deseronto Public School.
 - Working on a possible student drama performance - underway
 - Costing for t-shirts, for community partners, police services, dignitaries, this committee, Education Centre staff
 - Signs on school buses
- Long term goals:
- Contact Empire Theatre for showing a special Bullying movie
 - Contacting police services to have them report to their media portal all the activities they have done at schools
 - Changing words on logo to: more action oriented
 - Sports teams could decorate using the bullying awareness colours i.e.; hockey sticks
 - Rubber bands could be purchased for bullying week/or wore year round
 - Transferrable stickers could be worn on such as Belleville Bulls helmets
 - Sponsorship advantages
 - Bring in role models to schools
 - See what other school boards are doing
 - Possible integration of Student Senate and Student Voice
 - Signs on city buses

Further discussion continued with Tammy Angelatos, parent representative who explained their new initiative on Parents Against Childhood Bullying called "Let's Talk Kids". She explained that this is a new program offered to encourage kids between Grades 3-8 to find their own voice amongst their peers in a safe environment which promotes enhancing the lives of others through simple extraordinary gestures. Each Thursday, beginning October 4, 2012 from 4-6 p.m. "Let's Talk Kids" will host after school activities, snacks, and occasionally guest speakers. Let's Talk Kids will be held at 259 Albert Street, Belleville, Ontario. For further information you can contact Tammy at tammy6775@yahoo.ca or by calling her at 613.848.9386.

Therese McMahon, Curriculum Coordinator spoke to the committee explaining that she attended a full-day learning session in Ottawa that was hosted by the Ministry of Education and the Ottawa Region Equity and Inclusive Education Network. The session was intended to provide information on workshops that would be available to boards as systems work to further equity and inclusive education practices for staff and students. COPA presented an update of the Safe @School Toolkit that included information about bullying; they worked through some of their workshop-based learning activities with the audience. To conclude the day Harmony Movement shared elements of their educator workshops. Topics of focus included stereotyping, sexism in advertising, and ways to integrate social justice teaching into curriculum delivery.

Superintendent Savery-Whiteway thanked everyone for attending.

