

Safe and Accepting Schools Team AGENDA – October 2023

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Agenda:

School Culture Survey – Reviewed data collected during the Fall 2023 School Climate Survey. Students from grades 1 – 6 were asked 4 questions:

90% of students in Grades 1 to 6 indicate they feel connected to a caring adult at school.

93% of students in Grades 1 to 6 indicate they sometimes or always have choices at school.

93% of students in Grades 1 to 6 indicate school is interesting all or some of the time.

100% of students in Grades 1 to 6 indicate they feel like they belong at school.

44% always

34% most of the time

21% sometimes

The team is interested in learning more about the 10% of students who couldn't identify a caring adult they felt comfortable talking to. How to make those inquiries while maintaining privacy and respect for survey respondents was discussed.

Suggestion to incorporate "Feeling Friday" into announcements where messages about where to access supports could be highlighted.

Indoor recess opportunities were discussed as a way to provide students choice.

Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan- Reviewed last year's plan and took suggestions to continue the learning for this year. A specific focus on expanding mental wellness by providing students the opportunity to create their own "Toolbox" of strategies was suggested.

Taking time to educate parents about Kelso's Choices and the Zones of Regulation was suggested so parents can use the same language at home.

Classrooms incorporating an anonymous question or sharing box was suggested to provide students with a safe way of sharing ideas, concerns and questions.

Other Areas

Safe and Inclusive Student Leadership Team was established and will travel to Perth on November 23 to review UCDSB Climate Survey and plan for impact at Sweet's Corners.

Team is interested in planning a Bullying Prevention Week during November 13-17 and will meet next week to brainstorm plans.