



Manistee Area PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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SSAC Meeting Summary Monday, March 11, 2019

Group Team Building Activity

Committee participated in an activity called The 5-Minute Personality Test to identify personality types.

Review Feedback from February Meeting

- Reviewed compiled list of accomplishments and future focus areas for February discussion to help inform future focus areas.
- It was discussed that the committee would work toward identifying a mission statement.
- Jennifer Scarlata brought an example of a mission statement and focus area definition that she will share with the group. Including:
 - Physical Assets
 - Climate/Cultural
 - Access to Resources
 - Emergency Readiness

Mission Draft for Consideration

The Student Safety Advisory Committee was formed as a collaboration between the Manistee Community and MAPS School District to ensure safe and supportive learning environments through the development of initiatives which promote school and student safety.

Grant Update

In response to concerns identified in the SSAC committee physical building tours, a grant application is pending approval by the State of MI Police to cover the needed door sensors.

Training Opportunities

From our February meeting feedback, bridging the communication between students, faculty, home and community was listed as a priority by many. Training opportunities were identified, discussed in detail by the committee, and from that conversation the 'SSAC Community Safety Series' was born. The administration presented the following opportunities to the committee:

- **OK 2 Say** – Program will be held **Wednesday, March 20th, MMHS Auditorium, 6:00 to 7:00 pm** - SSAC presents a community learning opportunity for families of MAPS K-12 students brought to Manistee by the State Attorney General's Office. Join us for an informative presentation about Michigan's statewide OK 2 Say program offering students 24/7 confidential access to report bullying and other acts of violence. This information can be found on the safety page of the website – flyer to come.
- **Stewards of Children** - April is Child Abuse Prevention Month - Tracy Smith of the Child Advocacy Center will present at the **SSAC meeting on Monday, April 8th from 6:00 to 7:30** at Kennedy Elementary in the Library. A flyer will be distributed and added to the website. Staff received training prior to holiday season. Content of training: Identifying vulnerable youth, risk factors for neglect and abuse, how to have hard conversations and how to report.
- **QPR** – To be presented to full staff at April Professional Development. SSAC members are invited to attend. Community training date TBD – To be organized by Jason Traviss
- **Opioid Symposium** – Will be attended by 12 to 14 MAPS students in April. Every student organization will be represented.
- **Student Vaping Assembly** – Very well received. Has started conversations between students and teachers.
- It was decided the MAPS community of supporters would be invited to attend training opportunities.

- Discussion was had about having Brian Veine work with students to record overview videos of these opportunities.
- Other community agencies identified for collaboration:
 - Cove
 - HSCB – Community Resource Development
- SSAC Community Safety Series logo and flyer frame to be developed by Rightside Design

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- April 8 – Kennedy Library – Stewards of Children Training
- May 13 – MMHS
- June 10 – MMHS