Mission School District

Student Forum Review

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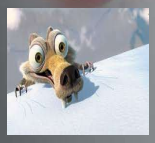

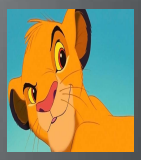

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Session Summary

- Session #1: Safe and Caring School Policy
  (What increases and decreases your sense of safety at school)
- Session #2: What are issues that impact school safety and belonging
- Session #3: Generation of possible solutions to safety concerns identified
- Session #4: Share concerns and solutions with Principal of school attending

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Increase Sense of Belonging

- Having choice in assignments
- Staff treating students with respect
- In-school suspensions
- Having a safe person to talk with about issues
- When staff look for reason for student behaviour
- Students taking responsibility for their “wrong” actions and given the chance to repair

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Decrease Sense of Belonging

- Staff not treating students with respect
- Not creating learning opportunities that allow students to be successful
- Not teaching online safe behaviour
- Inequity of student flexible learning (only happens for some)
- Gender groupings ex. Boys and girls lineups
- Grouping by “levels”
- Teachers that communicate to parents through email for a “paper trail”

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What are issues that impact school safety and belonging

- Washroom safety
- Long lunch line ups
- Not given choice in activities (e.g: square dancing)
- Cell Phone Policy
- Hat Policy
- Safe space to share ideas and views
- Limited lunch space

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Washroom Safety

- Problem:
  - Vaping in the washroom and unsafe behaviour
  - Suspensions and taking vapes is not working
  - Vandalism in bathrooms
- Solution:
  - Person needs to repair and fix their action
  - Have alternative space for vaping
  - Substance use prevention programs

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Limited Choice

- Problem:
- Square Dancing
  - Not OK with being touched by others
  - Don't feel safe when a partner is chosen for you
  - Don't separate by "gender"

- Solution:
  - Use pennies to separate (red and blue shirts)
  - Have choice in participation
  - Feeling of inequity in choice
  - Have more choice in assignments

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Cell Phone Policy

- Problem:
  - When phones are taken, no longer have schedule
  - No working clocks
  - Inappropriate sites to browse
  - Distraction for some students in class
  - Staff using phones (double standards)

- Solution:
  - Teach proper use of phone
  - Warning before taken
  - Block unsafe sites
  - Once class work is finished, phones are allowed

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Hat Policy

- Problem:
  - Long time standing rule no longer relevant
  - Hoods covering facial features
- Solution:
  - Don't have policy: personal expression
  - Most schools already fixed this problem

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Public speaking

- Problem:
  - Teachers calling on students to read in front of class
  - Presentation in front of class
- Solution:
  - Ask for volunteers
  - Have alternative options for presentations ex. Presenting just to the teacher at lunch

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Student voices

- Problem:
  - Student voices don't get heard
  - Feel like there is no-one to talk to
- Solution:
  - Student forum already helped with this problem
  - Safe place to talk about issues without judgement
  - Place where you can make a complaint
  - Have it at school and district level

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Respect

- Problem:
  - Staff not treating student with respect
  - Calling home and we don't know why
  - Staff not understanding the "bigger picture" (ex: homelife)
- Solution:
  - Having more enforcement to stop racism and homophobic comments
  - Having conversations and talking with students about issues
  - Communicating with students before parents

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Long Lunch Lines

- Problem:
  - Students are stuck in the lineup for the entire lunch and then don't have time to eat
  - Begin to close before you can order food
- Solution:
  - Divide the line up into two separate spaces
    - One hot food line up
    - One cold food line up

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Transitions

- Problem:
  - New environment (physical space/students/teachers)
  - Unfamiliar routines/schedules
  - Not having a feeling of belonging
  - More people and larger spaces
- Solution:
  - Clubs to help students transition
  - Tours for new students
  - Support person/adult they can trust

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Presentations to principals
Thanks to all the principals for listening!!

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Questions?
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Thank You

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