

SS-SWAC Meeting

9:00–Noon
December 8, 2022
Location: Zoom

Meeting Notes

Welcome and Intros

Ella DeVerse, Lead Program Supervisor, School Safety Center, opened the meeting. SES Safety Team introduced themselves. Ella announced the agenda changes.

Purpose of the School Safety and Student Well-Being Advisory Committee (SS-SWAC)

Second Substitute House Bill 1216 (2019–20) states: “The purpose of this committee is to advise the Superintendent, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction’s School Safety Center, the Regional Safety Centers, school districts, and public and private schools on all matters related to comprehensive school safety and student well-being”.

Legislative and OSPI Updates

Lee Collyer, Director, School Health and Student Safety gave team updates:

- Mike Donlin will retire the end of December. Mike dedicated his career to education and will be terribly missed. Thank you Mike for all your good work.
- Nikki York is OSPI’s new School Social Worker. Nikki.York@k12.wa.us
- Title IV Grant “Safer Communities Act” received bipartisan support expands vital mental health services that promote safer, more inclusive, and positive school environments for all: <https://oese.ed.gov/bipartisan-safer-communities-act/>
- Lifelines curriculum is being used around the state.
- Take a minute to read the Seattle Times “Invisible Student” article: <https://projects.seattletimes.com/2022/local/washington-special-education-schools-nonpublic-agencies-abuse-complaints/>

*And the same, but linked at ProPublica: <https://www.propublica.org/article/therapeutic-schools-northwest-soil-invisible-washington>

School safety and Student Well-being for Native Students and Educators

Facilitated by Jerad Koepp, North Thurston Schools and 2022 Washington Teacher of the Year

Jerad Koepp provided a presentation on Social Emotional Learning and student well-being for Native American students. There are 65,000 Native students in Washington with only 14,000 students *identified* as Native American. How are educators connecting to student's cultural assets and resilience? How are educators contributing to culturally sustaining and revitalizing practices? See full PowerPoint presentation.

Link to resources:

[Culture-Based Resources | Operation Prevention](#)

[Home - Illuminative](#)

[RCW 28A.600.500: Graduation ceremonies—Tribal regalia. \(wa.gov\)](#)

[The People of Cascadia | Book Education about Pacific Northwest Native American History](#)

Networks for Native Educators:

WEA Native American Caucus

Title IV Grantees meet as a group. (Note: A district only need 10 native students to apply for the grant)

Attendance, Re-engagement, and Mental Health Absences

Facilitated by Krissy Johnson, Bridget Underdahl, Francesca Matias – OSPI and Sarnika Ali, Youth Advocate

Krissy Johnson, Assistant Director Attendance and Truancy, provided information on HB 1834 (concerning student excused absences for mental health reasons), Re-envisioning Truancy Project and ESSR work.

Bridget Underdahl, Program Supervisor Project AWARE spoke of student and staff mental health and well-being.

Francesca Matias, Youth Engagement Administrative Program Specialist and Sarnika Ali, college student and youth advocate talked of the importance of Youth Voice.

Re-engagement and Restorative Practices

*Kamrica Ary-Turner – AWSP **will be rescheduled.***

Closing Remarks and Resource Links

Upcoming Meeting: February 23, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – noon

Camille Goldy and her team from the Attorney General's Office will present at the February meeting and wanted to share the Annual Report for the Tipline Program:
<https://agportal-s3bucket.s3.amazonaws.com/2022%20Tipline%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

Feedback Survey: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7116566/December-2022-SS-SWAC-Feedback-Survey>

From September meeting:

Looking Forward/Schedule Outline

- The 2022–23 schedule:
 - Three advisory committee meetings plus the Annual School Safety Summit.
 - Meetings will be focused on learning and discussion.
 - The Summit will be utilized to create high priority topics of focus for the 2023–24 year.
- The 2023–24 schedule:
 - Three advisory committee meetings plus the Annual School Safety Summit.
 - Meetings will be focused on the priority topics from the 2023 School Safety Summit to expand knowledge and understanding.
 - The 2024 School Safety Summit will continue the work of the full biennium to finalize recommendations for the 2024 Legislative Report.
- Access the [2022 Annual School Safety Summit Report](#) and past meeting notes on the [OSPI SS-SWAC webpage](#).