

School Safety and Student Well-Being Advisory Committee

9:00 am–12:00 pm
December 10, 2020
Location: Zoom

Meeting Notes

Legislative and OSPI Updates

- The Governor's budget should be released within a week which will determine some of our next steps.
- Legislative Report updates:
 - The SS-SWAC Report, Data Collection and Monitoring Report, and SRO Report should be posted to the OSPI website soon.
- Business Analyst position update:
 - We have our new Business Analyst starting with OSPI on January 4, 2021.
- COVID-19 updates:
 - We encourage everyone to reflect on the [DOH Decision Tree for Provision of In Person Learning Among K-12 Students at Public and Private Schools during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#).
 - Washington state's transition rate is currently very high according to the decision tree.
 - We are a long way away from what that decision tree would indicate is safe for kids to return to school.
 - Please refer to the [OSPI School Reopening Data Dashboard](#) for more information on which schools are conducting in-person learning.
 - There is anticipated FDA approval for a COVID vaccine. It will be months before school staff will have access to that vaccine and the vaccine has not been approved for youth yet.

SS-SWAC Norms Discussion

- SS-SWAC-YAC members provided a presentation on suggested norms for the SS-SWAC to adopt. Please see the presentation included with these notes for more details on those suggested norms.
 - Group discussed that there needs to be acknowledgement that members and participants of this committee represent a constituency at these meetings.
 - The existence of power dynamics in this group was also discussed as a need for the norms to ensure fruitful and supportive engagement.

- We will further discuss these norms at the February SS-SWAC meeting.
- If you have suggestions or questions, please email Tayler and Ella at tayler.burkhart@k12.wa.us and ella.deverse@k12.wa.us.

Statewide School Safety and Student Well-Being Network Update

Implementation and Deployment of work under HB 1216 across Washington State

- OSPI
 - OSPI staff provided a short overview of the establishment and purpose of the SS-SWAC.
 - Data collection under HB1216 and current collection methods/standards were discussed
 - Data is currently collected on Threat Assessment and is in process for the Behavioral Health Navigator Initiative which is in year one of implementation.
 - For data collection purposes, it is important to note that the Navigator is not a direct service provider, rather facilitates the coordination of behavioral health services with schools/districts within each ESD.
 - The Navigators are currently conducting interviews with districts in their region to assess behavioral health and suicide prevention needs. This data collection will inform their work.
 - This work is very early in its implementation and as it continues, we will be able to provide more data on progress throughout the state regarding programs under HB 1216.
 - Threat Assessment Data is being collected by the ESDs under the Federal STOP Violence Grant awarded in the fall of 2018.
 - This grant was intended to build upon the existing expertise, experience and infrastructure of Washington's Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and nine regional Educational Service Districts (ESDs) to develop and support Threat Assessment Teams in each of the state's 295 school districts through training and the provision of assistance in conducting assessments.
 - This grant includes a required data collection to collect information on Threat Assessment trainings and conducted assessments through the ESDs and the districts they work

- with.
- Some demographic questions regarding race and special education students were added to the required collection.
 - This data is minimal and does not paint a clear picture of threat assessment across the state as districts are not required to provide data under this grant.
 - Further data on threat assessment will be collected under the data collection required under HB 1216.
- Educational Service Districts (Dana Anderson, Superintendent ESD 113, AESD Representative for the SS-SWAC)
 - Dana provided an overview of the Regional School Safety Centers under HB 1216, their current implementation and plans for the future. This overview included information on current staffing, plans for full funding, focus areas, coordination, COVID, what's on the horizon, and success stories. Please see the presentation included with these notes to review Dana's presentation in more detail.
 - NowPow, a personalized community referral platform, was referenced during his presentation. Click [here](#) to learn more.
 - The member from WEA suggested connecting leads at the nine (9) ESDs to the 22 UniServ elected Boards to increase relationships and the sharing of information. OSPI will bring this to the RSSC Directors for discussion in January and will work with the representative to WEA to determine the best way to move forward with this suggested connection.
 - As this work continues, updates will be provided.

SRO Discussion

- OSPI staff provided a review of legislation surrounding SROs, SRO training requirements, and recommendations of the SRO workgroup.
 - The following topics were discussed:
 - Exploration of the advocacy surrounding fully funding SROs when we are underfunding social workers, counselors, and key staff in schools. It was communicated that data surrounding these funding areas and advocacy around them would be helpful to understand this conversation better.
 - The importance of participation, or the current lack of participation, from community members in regard to decision making around SROs. It is important to involve parents, students and community

- members as the legislation intends.
 - The negative racial justice impact of policing in schools.
 - Data surrounding SROs in general. The question was posed as to whether we have enough data at this time to make informed decisions.
- Members were asked to take this information back to their constituencies and consider their suggestions and recommendations as we move forward in this work.
- Future agendas will be created to ensure there is enough time to discuss this topic. As agenda time is limited, this will most likely be a standing item.

SS-SWAC-YAC Presentation

- SS-SWAC-YAC members presented on Chronic Absenteeism—Washington Youth Analysis Beyond Physical Student Wellness: Safe and Equitable Education. Please see the presentation included with these notes to see the SS-SWAC-YACs full presentation.

Revolving Breakout Learning Sessions

1. SS-SWAC-YAC: Q&A regarding their presentation on chronic absenteeism
2. Behavioral Health Navigator and Forefront Collaborative work—Ann Gray, Larry Wright, and Grace Burkhart
3. Student Discipline—Josh Lynch

Discussion

- After the revolving break outs we reconvened to have a full group discussion of breakout room topics. Discussions included:
 - Suicide prevention:
 - Perception that there is not enough suicide prevention training and there is work to do in hiring practices to ensure a more diverse group of individuals is involved in this work.
 - Grief counseling is being included in suicide prevention training and this should be encouraged to ensure readiness to address recovery from this pandemic.
 - The severity of mental health issues in our state illuminate the need for increased suicide prevention efforts.
 - Staffing and supports in schools:
 - There is currently an insufficient number of social workers and counselors to support our schools and students.

- There is a lack of supports for students in general and a need to build these structures for support.
- Data sharing and negative impacts of sharing statistics/data:
 - We must be thoughtful about when it is necessary to highlight negative disproportionality data.
- Shared resources:
 - [The Civil Rights Project | Lost Opportunities: How Disparate School Discipline Continues to Drive Differences in the Opportunity to Learn](#) shared by Josh Lynch, OSPI
 - [AWSL Student Equity Cohort | Student Equity Cohort Guidebook](#) shared by Kurt Hatch
- Agenda items for the February meeting:
 - If you have suggestions for agenda items, please Ella DeVerse at ella.deverse@k12.wa.us.

Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings

- SS-SWAC
 - February 18, 2021
 - April 15, 2021
- 2021 School Safety Summit
 - June 10, 2021