



School Safety & Student Well-being Advisory Committee

2025-26 Meeting #1

Time: 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Date: November 4, 2025

Location: Zoom

Committee Members

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Brooke Gialopsos, Seattle University
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Dusti Trickle, Shelton School District
Erin Bafaro, NWESD
Erin Wick, ESD 113
Jared Mason-Gere
Raven Buckingham Aäe, Haliruna Consulting
Richard Squire, Shelton School District Safety and Security

Meeting Notes

Opening & Introductions

We went around the room with each member giving an introduction about who they are and how their work connects to school safety in Washington.

Overview of the SS-SWAC

See slide deck for this section's content.

Overview of School Safety in Washington

See slide deck for this section's content.

Topic Discussion (breakouts)

Discussion Questions:

- What questions do you have about the current structure?
- What surprised you? What's something you didn't know about school safety in WA?

Breakout #1:

- There are partnerships happening across the state and if it can happen there, it can happen anywhere.

Breakout #2:

- Our group spent a lot of time on the first question. It brought up that the current structure of 9 ESDs break up the state in the best way possible, but is it functional? Are some of the schools versus headquarters too far for them which is prohibitive towards traveling to training. How can we better serve schools that are spaced far apart?
- Is there truly a model policy coming from OSPI or is it regional?
- It surprised me that there is a voluntary nature to a lot of these things.

Breakout #3:

- There are a lot of laws and requirements that are put on school districts around school safety.
- Required training in one place would be more accessible.
- We'd like to do more prevention than responsive services.

Breakout #4:

- How is this working on the ground?
- We had a lot of questions about the committee and its structure.

Breakout #5:

- Helpful info: Hearing more about Alyssa's law, what is mandated, how much is granted out? Etc.
- Priorities for this year, reunification
- Funding is not sufficient; discipline rules are still grappling with these.
- We are not familiar with the discipline rules and the scope of them. A lot of the time there are no re-entry meetings being held with parents.

Wrap-up Discussion

- One thing we talked about was re-establishing a connection with local law enforcement. Strengthen partnership and communication. This would be a good recommendation for our schools.
- We had a student at Arlington in Spring 2024 who brought a loaded handgun. Students reported it, and he was suspended for a year, and the superintendent extended it. Once it was up, he had the choice of returning or finding another school. This was heavily

contested by our community.

- We will have the opportunity to talk about policy around school safety and threat assessment, but not specific incidents in schools across the state. We also will not use meeting time in this space to discuss discipline rules specifically.

Public Comment

No public comment

Closing Reminders

Next meeting Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, from 9-11:30am on Zoom.

Meeting feedback survey: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8551700/SS-SWAC-Feedback-Survey-2025-26>