

MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Title:	SWPBS Committee Meeting
Date:	11-16-15
Time:	Period 3
Location:	Parent Center

Attendees:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Babakhanian Ailin (Parent) • Boghosian, A. (Campus Aide) • Cadavona, J. (Magnet Coordinator) • Del Rio, P. (SPED Assistant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graham Dickinson, A. (Teacher) • Sanchez, A. (Student) • Scheel, L. (Counselor) • Simonian, N. (Assistant Principal)

Notes

- ♥ Student support was discussed
 - Local district and school suspension data was presented
 - Referral data volume was presented

- ♥ District expectation for schools to follow the Discipline Foundations Policy Bulletin and to implement Restorative Justice practices were shared. The alternatives to suspension and guides to student behavior intervention were discussed.
- ♥ Counseling operations and new ways student support is provided was presented. Restorative Justice (RJ) philosophy was introduced and Tiers II & III were discussed. Ms. Scheel introduced and explained the concept of “Harmer” & “Harmed”.
- ♥ Relevance and connection of RJ and suspensions was discussed.
- ♥ The necessity to build a community via RJ Harm Circle and other mechanisms were emphasized; we should guide the harmer and the harmed to feel as part of the community and to develop a sense of belonging and trust.
- ♥ The published benefits of RJ in resolving undesirable student behaviors were shared.
- ♥ Using a Talking Piece, Ms. Scheel and Mr. Simonian conducted a short sample run of the Harm Circle for the committee members to understand what is involved in running a circle.
- ♥ Members wondered how the concept of training the trainers to implement RJ at Mt. Gleason would unfold. Also, questions were raised as to when the practice of holding an RJ Harm Circle would take place during school time. Other wondered how frequently and to which offences the Harm Circle practice would be applied. Mr. Simonian explained that for now the trained personnel would act as the Circle Keepers and would apply that practice if the usual office counseling practice is deemed insufficient/ineffective. Gradually, as more people get trained to facilitate acting as the Circle Keepers, the practice could be conducted by every qualified staff.
- ♥ The need for more training time was expressed by members to ensure other staff members will be confident and qualified to conduct a Harm Circle and follow the Restorative Justice practices within the circle.

- ♥ Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.