MMSD BOE

Safety & Student Wellness

Adhoc Committee

Background:

Madison Schools have done diligent work to understand and improve conditions for all our students. Disengagement and violence in our schools have been an issue for decades. With the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and continued gaps in community mental health services and wellness, we see this issue of disengagement and violence escalate. Our schools are still struggling to foster a sense of community for all students. It is time that we eradicate such an issue by establishing a committee that is composed of youth, families, school, school partners, district staff, and community leaders to address not only the root cause of disengagement and violence in our schools but to also work collaboratively in visioning and implementing district-wide policies that center safety and wellness for all students. We, therefore, ask our Madison community to support the MMSD BOE Safety & Student Wellness Ad Hoc Committee in our efforts to create a school environment that is engaging and welcoming for all students.

Our Mission (Charge):

Creating and implementing a vision of Safety & Student Wellness through community engagement and action.

- **Co-create a vision of Safety & Wellness for MMSD Students**
- **Monitor implementation of strategies**
- **Create a system of accountability among partners & stakeholders**

Committee Members (Recommendation: 13 total voting members):

Co-Chairs (2 votes)	High School Student: Gordon Allen (East Student) BOE Member: ananda mirilli (BOE Treasurer)*
MMSD High School Students (5 votes)	MMSD High School Student Representatives
District & Gov't (1 vote each)	City of Madison Staff: Reuben Sanon Dane County Staff: Andre Johnson MMSD Staff: Dr Angie Hicks
Other Core Members (1 vote each)	Michael Jones (MTI) Rebecca Ramirez (Student Services)
BOE Liaison (1 vote)	BOE Member: TBD
Stakeholder Liaisons (non-voting members)	Dana Pellebon (MMSD Partner) Sabrina Madison (MMSD Partner) Mari Zoerb Hansen (MMSD Parent) Mattie Reese (MMSD Parent) Rudy Bankston (Restorative Justice Consultant) Jessica Hotz (MMSD Teacher)

Core Team will begin meeting bi-monthly and will later determine the frequency

Support Staff (non-voting):

Although support staff are not committee members, their support is crucial for the logistics and execution of the committee's initiatives.	**MMSD:** Barb Osborn (BOE Secretary) Liz Merfeld (MMSD Communications) Rachelle Stone (MMSD Restorative Justice) Interpreters in Spanish, Hmong, Sign Language, upon request

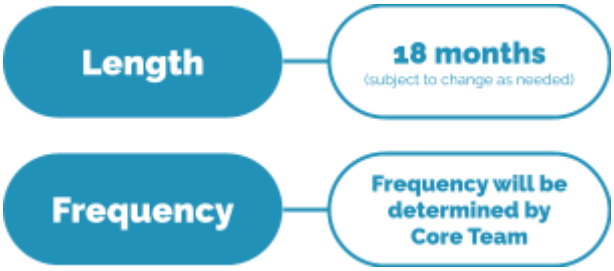
Committee Stakeholders:

Stakeholder meetings will engage with different groups and are open to the public. Interpretation will be provided as requested. **Stakeholder meetings will have a max of 13 members each appointed by Board and Community members.**	**1) Youth and Family Public Engagement Members**
	All HS Families* (Capital, East, La Follette, Vel Phillips, Shabazz, West) All HS Students* (Capital, East, La Follette, Vel Phillips, Shabazz, West) **Targeted outreach to institutionally marginalized students and families, i.e., Black, Indigenous, and students/families of color, LGBTQIA+, students with disabilities, etc.*
	2) Community Partners & Advocates
	Persons that identify with disabilities and disability advocates MMSD Partners (i.e., YWCA, Briarpatch, Freedom Inc., etc.)
	3) Related Professionals and Officials
	Mental Health and Wellness Professionals Physical Health and Wellness Professionals City, County, State staff and officials (i.e.,Public Health, Criminal Justice, Dane County Human Services, Dane

	County Sheriff, Madison Police Department)
	4) MMSD School Staff
	MMSD staff from Student Services, Social Workers, Psychologists, Special Education Staff, etc.

*** Stakeholder meetings times and frequency will be scheduled in collaboration with stakeholder groups.**
*** Youth & Families meetings will be offered in person and on zoom in collaboration with the High Schools.**

Committee Outline:



Guiding Questions:

I. What is our vision for student safety & wellness?
II. What would you like MMSD to do differently or more?
III. What are you committed to doing to support our vision?

Core Team Meetings:

Please see BoardDocs for agendas, materials, minutes, and videos

Core community members will host 4 stakeholder meetings