



December 14th Committee Meeting

The Olweus Committee, which includes administrators, teachers, parent representatives, and the school counselor, meets monthly. At the December 14th meeting the committee reviewed parent feedback that resulted from the Middle States Accreditation process and the results of the online survey that Mr. Sinfield asked parents to complete. This information was used to plan for parent workshops in the second semester.

In interviews with the Middle States accreditation team, parents expressed their appreciation for the fact that different approaches to addressing the issue of bullying were being used at each level. They were interested in the committee developing activities that involved parents and students, and they wanted more regular information about the work that the committee was doing, in particular – the results of the most recent student survey

In the online survey parents were asked to respond to five statements. 103 parents responded.

In response to the statement, "I am well-informed about the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program," 39.6% chose Most Agree and 4.4% chose Least Agree. In response to the statement, "The school has done an effective job of communicating to me the goals of the Olweus Program," 42.2% selected strongly agreed, while 7.8% selected least agree. In response to the statement, "The School has done an effective job of communicating to me the approach being used to teach my child about bullying, 26.4% selected most agree; 8.8% least agree

Parents were asked to rank a list of four topics that might be addressed in the context of a parent workshop. 32% of respondents were interested in a workshop on monitoring their children's social networks, 35% wanted to learn more about developing empathy in their children, 21% wanted help communicating other parents to help children resolve conflict, and 11.8% were most interested in learning the basics of the Olweus Program.

PLAN

January 26th With the help of select Committee members, Sasha Marohn will present the results of The March 2011 Olweus Questionnaire in two sessions: 8:00 am to 9:00 am and 5:30 to 6:30

February 23rd The committee will organize workshops on the following topics

- Learning the basics of the Olweus Bully Prevention Program
- Monitoring social networks
- Developing empathy in our children

The committee will next meet on Wednesday, January 18th

Committee Members: Sasha Marohn, Denise Blanchette, Cecile Roth, Linda Yoder, Lea Wilson, Vic Jackson, Amy Carter, Rebeca Pelayo, Carol Almonte, Jessica Tirado

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The committee met to plan a parent workshop around topics of interest communicated through the parent survey. The workshop will be held on February 23rd from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The workshop will open in the library with Sasha Marohn sharing the results of the Olweus questionnaire that was administered to third through twelfth graders in the spring of 2011. After this presentation participants will divide into smaller groups to address the following topics: Learning the Basics of the Olweus Bully Prevention Program, Monitoring Social Networks, and Developing Empathy in Our Children. Members of the Olweus Committee will facilitate the sessions.