

**Safe Schools Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2021**

**In attendance:**

Ron Crowe, Maria Ramadane, Justin Wilk, Jennifer Wall, Mickel Lewis, Amber Macerelli, Scott Hall, Samuel Chisolm, Jr., Heather Wisnieski, Chrissy Fauls, Craig Lawhead, Tamaica Martin, and Jarcelynn Hart

**Not in attendance:**

Dolores Robison, Heather Martinsen, Jacquelyn Gaston, Jennifer Smith, Christopher Brothers, and Lisa Delgado

**Welcome and Membership:**

Awaiting November 16 school board approval and appointment for Occoquan District (S. Wiggins).

**Citizen's Time:**

Ms. Ingram, parent from Forest Park HS, expressed concerns about the alleged increase in fights. In addition, she indicated there was easy access through the front doors of Forest Park HS. Ms. Ingram inquired about the opportunity to increase adult visibility in schools via a program called, Dads on Duty. Ms. Ingram stayed for the entire SSAC meeting.

**Review/Approval of Minutes and Meeting Feedback:**

The SSAC approved Minutes from the from September 13 and October 4, 2021 meetings. There was a spelling correction for the spelling of Mr. Chisolm.

The September 13 Minutes were approved by Mickel Lewis and seconded by Chrissy Fauls.

Next there was a name update for Mrs. T. (Jackson) Martin.

The October 4 Minutes were approved by Mickel Lewis and seconded by Amber Macerelli.

**Elections:**

The elections were not held, because the discussion about school safety and increased fighting in PWCS' was important to the Council. Elections for chairperson, vice chair, and secretary will be scheduled for the December 6 meeting.

**Presentation:**

School Safety and Crisis Management, Jake Edwards, (see attached PowerPoint). Several SSAC members expressed concerns about increased fighting in our schools.

**Questions and Next Steps:**

- Collect data on reported school fights (Ron Crowe and Jarcelynn Hart)

- Do staff receive de-escalating training?
- What is the status of Trauma Informed Care?
- What is the status of Youth Mental Health?
- SSAC may submit topics/areas of concern.
- SSAC provide a memorandum to the school board and to the superintendent.
- Status of SSAC's webpage.
- When will PWCS' allow parent volunteers in schools?
- Has there been an increase in people hit by cars?
- Consider inviting Dr. James Peele from the JDC.

Mr. Wilk requested to add a December 6 meeting so the SSAC can receive school safety information prior to the scheduled January SSAC meeting.

Mr. Chisolm motioned to approve the request to meet on December 6, and Mrs. Martin seconded.

**Adjourn Meeting (8:20 p.m.)**

Mr. Chisolm motioned to adjourn the SSAC meeting, and Ms. Ramadane seconded.