

Safety Committee  
9/24 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Kimberly Sower, Maureen Harris, Heather Schmidt, Jennifer Kort, Kelley Yousik, Kathy Josefiak, Courtney Carroll, Tiffany Stevens, Melissa Dart

Agenda Items Discussed:

- The budget for the new year was discussed.
- An update on the SCA and Mrs. Fisher's progress regarding anti-bullying/uplifting posters was given, along with her suggestions for potential Gator Bites.
- The following goals and suggestions for the new school year, submitted by members during the summer, were read and discussed.
  - Front door waiting protocol
  - SRO grants only to be applied to middle and high schools.
  - Asking for Officer Johnson's, our SRO, schedule
  - Better entrance protocol - having a desk at the front
  - Incorporating more positive and uplifting messages for the kids - the bathroom was suggested. Heather will contact the middle school and high school to see if their art clubs are interested in helping.
  - Identifying kids that are left out - the Start with Hello program was discussed and is being researched
  - Having Kids feel safe - reviewed the change in Gator Squad being viewed as more helpers that also keep an eye out.
- Discussed Gator Bites
  - To send out monthly - sometimes using a theme from the month
  - Discussed the upcoming Gator Bites - review of the number of drills at Gayton, along with the safety video for those that didn't attend Back to School night, and having a link to the county's crisis preparedness manual
  - October will focus on safe trick-or-treating
- Parent notification after drills was discussed
- Walk to School was discussed - students living across from Gayton have to cross the road at the stoplight at the end of Church Rd. Last year, there were officers at the light assisting.
- Having the Gator Squad for the following events was discussed. - Winter Parties, PTA meetings (both the front entrance and the side entrance), Field Day. The committee felt it was more important have the Gator Squad when kids would be in the school or on the grounds alone or in higher numbers than adults. Hired officers will be used for Field Day and Spring Carnival.
- Concerns over how the school would handle cyberbullying and social media were discussed in preparation of the students in 2nd-5th grade receiving laptops.
- Concerns over lunch visitors and the front office verifying that they were approved guests was also discussed. Person has to be on the Authorized to Pick Up form or the guardian has to send in a physical note.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 8th.