



Linden Lanes

Safe Schools Advisory Committee Meeting

November 10th, 2025

Attendance: Shelley Cords, Melissa Allen, Niomie Cummings, Deanna Clark, Sarah Alston, Danika Banman, Jenn Potvin, Jule Poole

- I. Meeting Details
 - a. Facilitator: Shelley Cords
 - b. Notetaker: Niomie Cummings
- II. Objectives & Desired Outcomes
 - a. Purpose – The Safe Schools Advisory Committee (SSAC) is established to support a safe, inclusive and caring school environment for all students, staff and community members. The committee provides leadership, coordination and advice on strategies, policies and practices that promote safety, equity, well-being and a positive school climate.
 - b. Mandate
 - i. To review, implement and monitor the school/division's Safe and Caring Schools Plan
 - ii. To identify safety and well-being concerns impacting the school community and recommend strategies for prevention and intervention
 - iii. To promote student/parent voice and encourage meaningful perspective in decision-making regarding school safety and climate
 - iv. To serve as a communication and advisory body for staff, students, parents and community stakeholders
 - v. To review relevant policies (e.g., Code of Conduct, Risk Response, Anti-Bullying, Digital Citizenship) and recommend updates to be considered
 - vi. To monitor and review data (e.g., incident reports, climate surveys, attendance) to guide planning and improvement



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III. Agenda Items:

- a. Welcome and Introductions
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 - ii. Review of agenda and objectives
- b. What are some wishes for your child at school?
 - i. Presenter: Shelley Cords
 - ii. Enter Breakout groups to record concerns/wishes on chart paper

IV. Breakout Group Concerns and Discussions Points:

- a. Students bringing or finding unsafe items on the school grounds (e.g., knife, drugs, etc.)
 - Mrs. Lawrence patrols the school grounds in the mornings to check for such things.
- b. Racial Slurs – our children have come home with concerns over hearing students use very derogatory and racially charged slurs and it is upsetting.
- c. Traffic in the church parking lot is still a major concern – it was suggested that maybe approaching the City of Brandon to see what the process would be for making the back lane one-way.
- d. Bullying – it was discussed that maybe more consequences need to be in place for repeated offences.
- e. Patrols – suggested that the patrols need better communication with one another and the cars when on active duty
- f. Suspicious people in the area – concerns raised over some odd behaviour in the neighborhood with one being a parked car seen often in and around the school with a lone occupant reading. Another major concern was a report in the Brandon Sun regarding the arrest of a Poplar Drive resident being charged with possessing and distributing child sexual abuse material and exploitation material.