

**Elementary/Middle School Age Committee**  
**Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>; 10:30 am to 12:00 pm**  
**Willmar, MN**

**Present:** Cheryl Loge, Litchfield School Social Worker  
Juliane Boraas, Shelter House Youth Advocate  
Deb Schmitzerle, Kandiyohi Co. Public Health/Willmar School Nurse  
Sally Belgum-Blad, 21st Century Grant Coordinator – PACT 4  
Eric Vogel, U of MN Extension Youth Work Institute  
Tammie Knick, GFW School Social Worker

**Agenda Items / Topics for Discussion:**

Continue planning for the brochure on school connectedness

**Discussion:**

Discussed last month's minutes

Is the brochure the right medium for reaching the teachers and students to create stronger connectedness

Online course

**Action Taken / Recommendations:**

Use the SHARE survey and MN Student survey to identify connectedness. Contact Dr. Bluhm in regards to resources for school connectedness (Sally Belgum-Blad will contact). Self reflective tools for teachers/students to identify their comfort levels.

**Training Needs Identified:**

**Future Agenda Items / Unfinished Business / Topics for Further Discussion:**

Video of interviewing kids and their perspective

Brochure information

Interview to gain support for Dr. Bluhm conference

**Highlight Three Items to be Shared at Collaborative / Brought to Executive Board:**

Expanding our efforts to sensitize the adults in school communities to the importance of school connectedness – printed materials, Dr. Bluhm and presentation of kid-directed media

Use local data from SHARE and MN Student surveys to assess current levels of school connectedness.

**Next Meeting Date / Location / Time**

May 14<sup>th</sup> at Max's Grill in Olivia; 10:30 a.m.

*Mission Statement: We will use community resources to support the healthy development of elementary and middle school youth by promoting prevention and early intervention practices.*