

SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS SCHOOL BOARD SURVEY RESULTS April 2004

Last year the School Board sent out a survey regarding many aspects of the school. One of the items that was a concern was the climate in the school, specifically bullying among the children. During the summer, some of our teachers worked to develop a program to address this issue. At this time, we would like to see if this program is making a difference in the climate at school.

RETURN RATE: 101 SURVEYS RETURNED/274 FAMILIES = 37%

1- Strongly disagree 2- disagree 3 – neutral 4- agree 5 – strongly agree

QUESTION	1	2	3	4	5
1. My child likes attending SHF.	1%	5%	4%	40%	51%
2. My child is given a fair chance to succeed at school.	1%	2%	5%	50%	44%
3. I feel my child is safe at school.	0	3%	3%	43%	51%
4. Discipline in my child's school is administered fairly	1%	4%	25%	40%	30%
5. Discipline in my child's school is administered consistently.	1%	12%	23%	34%	29%
6. I feel the Respect and Responsibility program established this year is working	2%	14%	29%	35%	18%
7. My child and I are aware that there is a Respect and Responsibility program this year.	3%	6%	6%	37%	49%
8. My child has used the "Bully Boxes" to report instances of bullying.	YES	NO		DON'T KNOW	
	28%	72%		0	
9. If yes, was the situation addressed satisfactorily?	YES	NO		DON'T KNOW	
	74%	15%		11%	

Questions 1 - 4 are repeat questions from the 2003 parent survey. In adding up the neutral, agree and strongly agree answers, we showed improvement in three of the four questions. Question 1 +3%, Question 2 +1%, Question 3 remained the same, and Question 4 +3%.

One aspect of the SHF school atmosphere that concerns me is:

- The children are well behaved for Mr. Muth however, in his absence; the kids are rude & disrespectful to the playground workers. (12)
- It would be nice if playground play was more organized.
- There are extensive social cliques that students and adults form largely related to participation to sports. (7)

- There is way too much emphasis on sports over education. Sports are great –school is first. (3)
- There are a large number of unsupervised students during non school functions (fish fry, Slam, Becker, concerts, etc...)
- There is a very lackadaisical approach to student discipline. There is a lack of consistency in discipline between teachers. (5)
- The older grades children have bad attitudes at times. Would love to see more Christian values lived out and more families at church. (2)
- Kids are also using the “bully box” to threaten kids and it creates issues of its own.
- The lack of parental support for high standards and expectations for everyone!
- I still feel “Politics” play too big a part in decisions made at SHF.
- Brat kids still get away with too much.
- The lack of communication between teachers and parents. I feel that parents have the right to be informed when any situation arises. There should be a zero tolerance in the school. (2)
- Asking 6 year old children to work out their own disagreements without mediation from a teacher or school adult.
- Teachers should also be considered when looking at bullying issues.
- My child notices that the school climate is always better & that the kids are nice when one certain kid is not there. It’s amazing how many kids follow him and how covertly mean he can be!
- The true purpose of the box should be explained in detail, to each class, on the level of understanding. Explain the difference between snitching and reporting a bully situation. (2)
- The whole class gets punished for something one or two boys do. They need to single out the punishment more.
- Cheating in classrooms before and during school. (3)
- Anyone can come in and out of school while children are arriving and dismissing from school.
- I helped out with the 6th grade camp and I was impressed at how good the kids were-always respectful and never talking back to me at all.
- SHF is geared toward the rich. No money-don’t fit in.