

Digital trends

Month 2 Meeting 4

Use this meeting to talk about the ways your team and their friends communicate, both online and offline. Talk about specific apps and why they are or aren't popular at your school. What about younger kids? How are they communicating?

CYBER SWAT

Objectives

- Identify trends in technology and digital spaces.
- Brainstorm ideas for Cyber Safety Awareness Week activities and events.

Materials

- Printable handout: Personal Technology Inventory
- Cyber Safety Awareness Week preparation checklist

Agenda

Individual Reflection

Provide *Personal Technology Inventory* to the group and give the students a few minutes to complete it. Remind students that these are personal and individual. They will only have to share responses if they want to share. Encourage them to answer quickly and not second-guess or overthink their responses.

After students are done, ask them to take a second to reflect. Were they surprised about any of their answers? How do they think their peers would answer? What about their parents?

Group Brainstorm

This can be as formal or informal as you like. Structure this in the way that best fits the needs and dynamic of your group

With one or two students taking notes, ask the group to share some trends (both positive and negative) in the way they and their classmates use technology. After a few minutes of this, look at the responses and ask the group to identify the things that occur more than once or are connected and the ideas they think are the most important.

Looking at the most important ideas list, talk about potential projects the team could do for each area. *If time and numbers permit, split the group into pairs and parse the list between them. The goal here is to collect a list of potential project ideas that can be referenced during planning for Cyber Safety Awareness Week.

Discussion topics

- How has technology been good for society? How has it been bad?
- In what ways does technology use differ between age groups?
- What does a healthy relationship with technology look like?
- What trends in digital media use do you notice among your friends?

Projects

Continue the planning for Cyber Safety Awareness Week. By now you should have:

- A list of issues you might want to tackle during Cyber Safety Awareness Week
- Permission from school administrator