



Montville Youth Advisory Board

Minutes

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May 12, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Montville Community Center

Members Present: Chairman: Daniel Dunn, Tim Shanahan, Dan Boisvert, Sheelagh Lapinski, Susan Rickards, Loretta Drain

Also Present: MYSB Director Barbara Lockhart & Dianne Peltier (MYSB Administrative Assistant)

Absent: William Carlos, Vouise Fonville, Brianne Messer, Officer Karen Aleshire, Liaison Councilman Robert Yuchniuk, Youth Liaisons Brendan Duhamel & Addie Concascia

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dunn at 6:05 p.m.

- **Chairman's Report (Dan Dunn)**

- Communications/Correspondence

- No Report

- Other Business to Report

- Barb added that she will email the budget once she receives it and the mayor did approve the Administrative Assistant position from part time to full time

I. Town Council Liaison Update (Robert Yuchniuk)

- No Report

III. New Business

- CYSA conference save the date 10/21/22 Hartford Marriot – register www.ctyouthservices.org, not sure of the breakouts – will email details ASAP, Dan added that he always walks away learning something

IV. Old Business

- Podcast Update
 - Grace has taken on so many other important duties, also losing our Production Manager, Jimsly due to graduation and moving away to college
 - Looking for a few kids to share the podcast starting back up in the fall
- Suicide Walk on 4/30/22
 - MYSB's relationship with Transformation Church & their very active youth group resulted in them representing Montville at the Suicide Walk, which had about 250 people in attendance
- Summer Center Registration began Monday 5/9 still have some spots available Program operates Tues/Wed/Thurs 8:00 a.m. until 5:30 (extended one hour this year to accommodate working schedules for families!)

- Lunch & Learn series: MYSB Working with Asst. Superintendent Dianne Vumback on this project. First one held in late March with Safe Futures –focusing on healthy relationships, self-advocacy, & more Officer Michaels of Montville Police co-presented with SF staff. More L & L's planned for the upcoming school year. Next up Race, and Social & Racial Equity
- Benefit Concert: Still tickets available for Kane Brown on June 5th! Skybox seating!
- Trainings & Certifications: Barbara became certified in Psychological First Aide and PTSD Therapy. SERAC offering a lot of good trainings and Barbara will be attending a new training regarding Black & Indigenous people & Suicide Prevention, Also, 20 more students will be trained in QPR in May. DCF also offering trainings in understanding and recognizing sex trafficking (A larger discussion on this topic ensued). Loretta did share that a support group for youth in this situation called LOVE146. (Maybe another Lunch & Learn Topic!)
- Ascension Film: Screened at MHS on 5-11 this film was shared with the community through SERAC to spread hope and fight suicide. Dan shared that it triggered something in him to do more to help & Susan added that maybe having a “Hope Squad” might be good , but wondered if kids would open up to a stranger(statistics support that “yes” they often do!)

V. YAC (Youth Action Council) No YAC members present due to sports conflicts)

- Stall Street Journal May Edition focused on Mental Health with support and resources shared
- QR Codes posted throughout schools and community with links to MH resources in the schools and the community
- The Day paper interviewed both Brendan & Jimsly about the work YAC has done with MH over the past several months (GREAT ARTICLE!)

VI. Good & Welfare

- Middle School YAC Penny Drive – Closes on Friday 5/13 and all proceeds will be used to purchase the top 5 items needed by Saint Vincent de Paul (our chosen group to support this year!)

VII. JRB Update (Cases, Dispositions, Referrals) – looking to rename in the future

- Cases
 - Very busy! A lot of cannabis arrests for possession and distribution which results in student expulsions (lots of discussion about this matter resulted)
 - Restorative Practice Trainings 2022 Update: visit www.ctyouthservices.org to register
 - A lot is happening on the JJ front in terms of legislation (stay tuned)

VIII. Other Business

- Grants (State & Local): Both line items fully funded in Gov's budget (with some increases, too!) under DCF. CYSA Advocacy team did a lot of work testifying and submitting testimony in support of YSBs!

- JRBs also received an increase in their line item under DCF.

- Budgets (State & Local)
 - MYSB no cuts so far in Mayors' budget supported 2 increases
 - 2 million enhancement for all YSBs which Montville could receive \$10,000 – \$15,000
 - ARPA funds focusing a lot on Mental Health Services & programs
 - Other business: Project Courage (for substance abuse support)
 - Seeking out male counselors for adolescent boys
 - Fall of 2022 MYSB will have another LPC intern working 18 hours per week which will create more counseling slots!

X. Adjournment

Motion made by Dan to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

First: Tim S. second Susan R.

XI. Next Meeting

June 9th, 2022 – 6:00pm Montville Community Center

Submitted by Dianne Peltier, Administrative Assistant MYSB