



Montville Youth Advisory Board

Minutes

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September 8, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Montville Community Center

Members Present: Chairman: Daniel Dunn, Tim Shanahan, Dan Boisvert, Sheelagh Lapinski, Brianne Messer, Loretta Drain, Susan Rickards, Officer Karen Aleshire, & William Carlos

Also Present: MYSB Director Barbara Lockhart, Town Council Liaison Councilman Robert Yuchniuk, Youth Liaison Addie Concascia, Dianne Peltier (MYSB Administrative Assistant)

Absent: Vouise Fonville

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

I. Chairman's Report (Dan Dunn)

- Communications/Correspondence – Dan welcomed everyone back after a few months off, Minutes from June 2022 were accepted
- Other Business to Report

II. Town Council Liaison Update (Robert Yuchniuk)

- BOE voted to station armed security at every school in town, not a quick adjustment

III. New Business

- ASP 2022 – 2023 Update
 - Not full, but new participants joining every week
 - Adding new structured activity (Games with Dianne, Wii Wednesdays, Football Frenzy Tournament – encouraging responsibility, good sportsmanship and empathy
 - Homework room is open – looking for a tutor M-Thurs 2:30 – 5:00, 1099 position
- Project Courage Contract
 - Contracted substance use disorder counselor in MHS and Tyl
- Opioid Remediation Funds Plan
 - Mayor contacted Barbara asking her to come up with a responsible way to spend the nearly \$10,000 – she is coming up with a plan to include: medication assistance, zoom links, transportation, and support groups. The plan will be brought to the Town Council for approval
- Counseling
 - Darin is back in the office in person and is expected to be very busy
 - Counseling Intern will be in office 18 hours a week until May, free to us, already has 3 clients under Darin's supervision, and will be going into the schools & running groups

IV. Old Business

- Summer Center Report
 - Another successful and fun year. Lots of water and pool time since the weather was so hot. Field trips were great. Some challenging times, but overall a great summer!
- Lunch and Learns
 - Held at the high school during lunch, students need to sign up, ideas from students themselves and are very topic driven Roll Out TBA
 - Full support from the administration
- Save the Date
 - CYSA Conference – October 21, 2022 Hartford Marriot register at www.ctyouthservices.org
- ARPA Money
 - IPADS for YAC have been approved
- Mud Run
 - Another great muddy year!

V. YAC (Youth Action Council) (Brendan Duhamel Report)

- Attended the Farmer's Market – Mental Health Awareness giveaway
- Penny Drive raised over \$450 for St. Vincent de Paul Place – delivered 160 rolls of toilet paper and \$350 Amazon gift card
- We had our first meeting and will continue to meet every Wednesday to work on Stall Street Journal, Podcast, Green Out Day for Sandy Hook, and positive social media posts
- Plans to repaint the crosswalk at the Montville Community Center
- September 24 – Out of the Darkness Walk at McCook's – We will walk with our families to help raise awareness about mental health and suicide
- September is National Suicide Prevention Month – 9/28 we will host a table at the high school asking students to wear purple or turquoise and sign a canvas pledging to ask "Are you ok?" Mental health resources and info about 988 will be available

VI. Good & Welfare

- Penny Drive, as mentioned above benefitting St. Vincent de Paul

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

- Cases
 - Very busy! Today's cases had successful outcomes
 - Successful Diversion rate continues to trend up
 - Landscape analysis – Montville's JRB/YSB picked as top one!
 - Concentrating on the Restorative Practices Framework

VIII. Other Business

- Grants (State & Local)
 - Renewed JRB grant
 - LIST grant – Renewed for the 9th year in a row

- Budgets (State & Local)

X. Adjournment, 1st Tim, 2nd Dan B.

Motion to adjourn made by Dan, 1st Tim, 2nd Dan B.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

XI. Next Meeting

Thursday, October 13, 2022 – 6:00pm Montville Community Center

Submitted by Dianne Peltier, Administrative Assistant MYSB