



Montville Youth Advisory Board

Minutes

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October 12, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Montville Community Center

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chairman: Daniel Dunn, Brianne Messer, Susan Rickards, Dan Boisvert, William Carlos, Loretta Drain

Also Present: Youth Liaison Josie English and MYSB Administrative Assistant Dianne Peltier

Absent: MYSB Director Barbara Lockhart, Sheelagh Lapinski, Officer Karen Aleshire, Vouise Fonville, Tim Shanahan, Town Council Liaison Councilman Robert Yuchniuk, Youth Liaison Adam Sheridan

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

I. Chairman's Report (Dan Dunn)

- Communications/Correspondence
 - Dan and the Board conveyed their condolences to Board member Vouise on the loss of his father
- Other Business to Report
 - New sign out front – Talking about going back to Fair Oaks
Montville Youth Service Bureau
Parks and Recreation Annex
 - Other personnel matters were discussed

II. Town Council Liaison Update (Robert Yuchniuk)

- No Report

III. New Business

- ASP
 - currently have 38 kids and 2 more families called today to register their kids
- Basket Raffle Fundraiser
 - Our biggest fundraiser of the year. We are asking for families to put together baskets and also purchase gift cards to add to the baskets. We will be at all the polling stations and will keep the raffle open until mid-November for purchasing of tickets. Tickets are \$1.00
- Hartford HealthCare Mobile Health Hub
 - MYSB hosted the hub at the Community Center, many people took advantage of the free screening

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- Joe Brummer
 - In August trained over 150 paraprofessionals, social workers, school psychologists, some police officers, and nursing staff on Trauma Informed and Restorative Practices in our school district. It was very well received with a lot of positive feedback. Would like to invite him back to work with school administrators, teachers and community leaders in the near future!
- Parent Toddler Playgroup
 - Meets on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00 – 11:30. Attendance is getting back to where it was before Covid. We are bringing back Trick or Treat at Town Hall, different crafts, Halloween and Thanksgiving social and hopefully Santa will take time for a visit
- Art with Michelle
 - Every Friday Michelle Mauro comes in to teach art to the ASP kids. Sign-ups are encouraged. They created quilt squares for our Opioid Remembrance Quilt
- Lights on After School
 - October 19, 2023 celebrating after school programs throughout the county

IV. Old Business

- Summer Program Recap
 - We had a full program, field trips were great, Michelle taught art, a group of kids decided to write and create their own play production. It was a great summer!

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

- See Attached

VI. Good & Welfare

- Donation – Donation made to the Youth Center from Man Cave Zone LLC (Frank Majewski)

VII. JRB Update (Cases, Dispositions, Referrals)

- Cases
 - 2 new cases and 10 remain open until end of November

VIII. Other Business

- Grants (State & Local)
 - See Attached
- Budgets (State & Local)
 - See Attached

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by William 1st - Susan 2nd
Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

XI. Next Meeting

- Thursday November 9, 2023 – 6:00pm Montville Community Center
Submitted by Dianne Peltier, Administrative Assistant MYSB



YAC Agenda

Advisory Board Update
October 12, 2023

-2023-2024 focus is Mental Health & Athletes, and Opioid education and awareness. Creating posters and social media campaigns focusing on student athletes and stress, coping skills, etc.

-Mental Health Survey for high school students planned for the near future. Will use results for "What's in your head, should be said" campaign.

-Possible survey for Tyl students around bullying and mental health, using the results to host a world cafe at the middle school to create a kindness campaign. The middle school YAC group would help launch this campaign with the After School Program as the pilot.

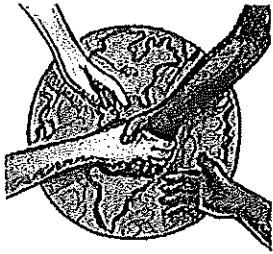
-Creating a "shout out" program, where students can digitally nominate someone in their school or community to be recognized for going above and beyond for someone.

-MYSB received from SERAC a \$5000 grant to focus on opioid education and awareness, applied for an additional \$5000. YAC will create their own billboard about opioids and mental health, social media, and possibly bringing in a speaker, Stephen Hill or Chris Herren for a school wide assembly.

-October 18th we will be planting 250 daffodils along the fence near the new playground, adding a banner about hope this spring when the bloom.

-Stall Street Journal newest edition will be out November 1st, talking about things to be grateful for, as well as having a table at MHS during the lunch wave about gratefulness.

-Middle School YAC will have a trunk at trick or trunk- Super Mario Bros is this year's theme.



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- Grant funds procurement (so far) for 2023-2024 total - \$54, 583.79
- Projected Program Service Revenues: \$22,500.00
- Re-registration for last years' students took place in June.
- Both the LIST grant/contract (\$21, 667.00) and JRB grant/contract (\$9,000.00) have been renewed for 2023-2024.

Opioid Funds expenditures update: Per the Mayor's request, in MYSB's role as Montville's Local Prevention Agency, we have been tasked with the distribution of funds received from the Federal Opioid Settlement. In keeping with the allowable parameters regarding use of these funds below are some of the things we have done and will be doing with the funds.

- \$5,000.00 was spent to purchase NARCAN Kits for Montville First Responders (Police & Fire Personnel)
- \$13,290.00 was utilized to support a summer contract with Project Courage which provides Montville youth with specialized counseling services related to addiction and misuse of harmful substances.
- Plans to expand the Project Courage contract in the fall of 2023, to add an extra day for the middle school, are in the works as well as the purchase of an opioid specific prevention program for Middle school students in 7th grade as part of the DARE expansion plan. This will be taught by Officer Kirsten Todd.

Thank you:

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