



Montville Youth Advisory Board

Minutes

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March 10, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Montville Community Center

Members Present: Chairman: Daniel Dunn, Tim Shanahan, Dan Boisvert, Vouise Fonville, Sheelagh Lapinski, Brianne Messer

Also Present: MYSB Director Barbara Lockhart, Liaison Councilman Robert Yuchniuk, Youth Liaison Brendan Duhamel & Dianne Peltier (MYSB Administrative Assistant)

Absent: William Carlos, Loretta Drain, Susan Rickards, Officer Karen Aleshire, Addie Concascia

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

I. Chairman's Report (Dan Dunn)

- Communications/Correspondence

- Next month – election for Chairman and Vice Chairman
- Went over meeting dates – dates accepted

- Other Business to Report

- N/A

II. Town Council Liaison Update (Robert Yuchniuk)

- Narcan has been approved to be available in all schools

Barb added - 68 teachers, administration, coaches, nurses and 10 of which were students have been trained. Would like Narcan available in every area of the school; not just in the nurse's office. Narcan shortage currently and will reach out to SERAC when more will become available – still effective 6 months after expiration date

Dan added – asked if there is a policy put in place, Tim answered yes

- Van – MYSB use of BOE van if needed has been approved, special license needed

Barb added – Bus garage now transports students to the Youth Center

- Wage Increase for Part Timers – delete from TARP agenda - Barb had asked to put on TARP agenda but recently learned the increase was already taken care of

III. New Business

- Suicide Walk

- April 29th – time and location TBA, YAC may participate with a resource table

- Lunch and Learns
 - March 31st with Assistant Superintendent Dianne Vumback partnering with Officer Michaels/Safe Futures
 - Topic Driven – Healthy Relationships, Reporting, Self-Advocacy, Empowerment
 - Students need to sign up
- Hidden In Plain Sight
 - March 10th – zoom link sent to parents only
- CYSA
 - Hired Dillinger to do a landscape analysis, mandated to do specific things, leverages too for more funding
- Shamrock Shakes
 - March 17th 3:00 – 5:30pm all ASP families and board members are invited
- Summer Center
 - Starts the week after school ends, Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8:00 – 5:30pm , 8 weeks, \$500, trips are getting booked, 35 spots (5 of which are emergency, foster), free breakfast and lunch, payment plan after deposit available if needed

IV. Old Business

- ASP 2021-2022
 - Elementary age kids are very trying, pandemic took a toll
 - Losing Ashley (tutor), Dennis (mentor) & Axel (coaching)
 - Alicia has been with us for 9 years and we are so grateful
 - Looking to hire \$15/hr
- Pod Cast Update
 - Grace and Josie will rotate
 - Looking into bringing in professional podcast
 - Barb sends links to the Board, Town Council, MYSB Facebook page, looking into Public Access
- ARPA Funds for MYSB/MCC
 - Another \$1,500 was approved totaling \$6,500 to complete the tutoring center at the Community Center
- QPR
 - Would like to see it added to health class

V. YAC (Youth Action Council Brendan Duhamel)

- Stall Street Journal March Edition highlights Ms. Judy as our first “Stall Street Journal Spotlight”
- 2022 Mental Health Survey Results
- Met with Assistant Superintendent Dianne Vumback and Interim Principal Rob Alves to discuss survey results and ideas on ways we can build stronger relationships between students and faculty.

- Currently working on creating QR Codes with links to Mental Health Resources in the school and community, creating new stickers, sidewalk stickers, and banners about ending the stigma around mental health.
- Mental Health Awareness Month Events and Activities
 1. Tables at lunch
 2. Community Conversation Ideas
- Hosting “Kick Butts Day” Activities on April 1st for the After School Program about Vaping
- Talked to Lisa Buckley about having a service dog in the schools (meeting after spring break)

VI. Good & Welfare

- Middle School YAC Penny Drive – raising money for toiletries for St. Vincent de Paul – runs to the end of May

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

- Cases
 - Very busy! A lot of marijuana cases get referred but no real teeth for compliance if under 18 – possession up to 5 oz receive a warning, 2nd offense JRB (hard to track town to town), a lot of self-medicating, oblivious to where it comes from
- Restorative Practice Trainings 2022 Update
 - Trainings will be available – a lot is happening at the JJ front

VIII. Other Business

- Grants (State & Local)
 - SOR grant – received \$4,000 used for billboards, drug take back day, in schools – more intentional efforts needed to give students more support
- Budgets (State & Local)
 - MYSB no cuts so far
 - 2 million enhancement for all YSBs which Montville could receive \$10,000 – \$15,000 (not passed yet)

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02

XI. Next Meeting

April 14, 2022 – 6:00pm Montville Community Center

Submitted by Dianne Peltier, Administrative Assistant MYSB