



Montville Youth Advisory Board Minutes

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September 12, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Fair Oaks

Meeting Minutes

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

Also Present: MYSB Director Barbara Lockhart, Town Council Liaison Councilman Nick Sabilia, MYSB Administrative Assistant Dianne Peltier, Mayor Lenny Bunnell, Intern Kathy Rodriguez

Absent: Vouise Fonville, Officer Karen Aleshire, Brianne Messer, Youth Liaisons Josie English and Adam Sheridan

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. Chairman's Report (Dan Dunn)

- Communications/Correspondence – No report
- Other Business to Report – No report

II. Town Council Liaison Update (Nick Sabilia)

- Getting a new community center building committee together and would like someone from Youth Services to be on the committee

III. New Business

- ASP 2024-2025
 - ASP filling up, very busy with many different behavioral challenges
 - Down 2 staff members and looking to hire
 - Volunteer opportunities as well
- Federal Opioid Expenditures
 - Money keeps coming in – just received more today
 - Continuing to use it for Narcan, Project Courage, Mobile Van (will be moving around to different locations within Montville starting in January), working with a therapeutic agency that works with adults/families in Montville with substance abuse, can be in person or virtual
- Toddler Playgroup
 - Tuesdays and Fridays 10:00 – 11:30, follow the school calendar
 - Registration can be filled out anytime, no fee
 - Many things being planned with the first being safety day on October 4th with Fire and Police

- Basket Raffle
 - Looking for our Afterschool Program families to create themed baskets
 - We will be at the polling sites November 5th selling raffle tickets again this year

IV. Old Business

- Summer Center
 - We were full with a waiting list
 - Police officers were on the trips again this year (community policing)
 - Art teacher every week and ended the summer creating individual charcuterie boards for the end of the summer gathering – huge hit with the kids and their families
- Mental Health Mondays at Montville High School
 - Continuing mental health campaign with new “You Good, Bro?” tag line. Kim will be setting up a table to share mental health information during all lunch waves on Mondays periodically. Engagement with kids is always very successful
- SERAC Trainings
 - Lots of trainings, all free
 - MYSB was trained in July in Youth Mental Health/First Aid
- LADC Search
 - Search is over – Bluesky Wellness, LLC, looking for an October rollout
- Tower
 - Drone coverage of the tower is available to watch on our Facebook page and Montville Community Forum
 - Looking for a historical grant to help with costs
 - Barbara reached out to a gentleman in Washington state who just went through this process and learned there are guidelines to restoration

V. YAC (Youth Action Council) (Adam Sheridan & Josie English)

- Stall Street Journal
 - They are up in all the bathrooms at the high school
 - Also working on Trick or Trunk, sharing info on social media, and creating a problem gambling PSA

VI. Good & Welfare

- N/A

VII. JRB Update (Cases, Dispositions, Referrals)

- Cases
 - Very busy! Referrals come in weekly 19 open cases
 - Contract renewed
 - Would like to see restorative process started earlier in school – Gizmo

VIII. Other Business

- Grants (State & Local)
 - JRB/LIST grants – List grant on hold, many emails sent in favor of keeping it, \$350,000 shared between 11 districts is not a lot
- Budgets (State & Local)
 - State budget was kept whole

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

XI. Next Meeting

- Thursday, October 10, 2024 – 6:00pm Fair Oaks

Submitted by Dianne Peltier, Administrative Assistant MYSB