



# Montville Youth Advisory Board

## Minutes

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March 11, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Montville Public Safety Building

**Members Present:** Chairman: Daniel Dunn, Dan Boisvert, Susan Rickards, Officer Karen Aleshire, William Carlos, Sheelagh Lapinski, Tim Shanahan, Liaison Councilman Lenny Bunnell

**Also Present:** MYSB Director Barbara Lockhart

**Absent:** Vouise Fonville

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

### I. Chairman's Report

- No news on budget; will be reviewing

### II. Town Council Liaison Updates

- Budget has not been reviewed

### III. New Business

- Billboards – Mental Health
  - Located on Route 32 near Mohegan Fire House
  - Survey was conducted for Montville middle school, high school students and parents
  - 7/10 teens felt lonely or isolated and 8/10 families felt lonely or isolated
  - What's in your head, should be said is the slogan for the billboard
- Blood Drive
  - Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 8:30 – 5:00 at the Community Center (Battle against the badges), anyone can sign up
- Like Film
  - MYSB joined with 9 other New London County Youth Service Bureaus to pay for the streaming for a week (April 5 – 11). This film discusses the impact social media has on all of us. There will be a live virtual link to an expert panel on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Barbara also shared a link to the film Resilience which discusses the impact of trauma on child development
- Return to School Plan
  - 4 days a week starting March 22nd – 6th grade, March 29th – 7th & 8th grades, May 3rd – all high school, ASP

- Saint Patrick's Day & Easter Giveaway
  - Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> free giveaway – crafts, coloring/word search packet, snack
  - Shamrock Shakes for ASP participants and families March 16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>
- Sweatshirt Fundraiser
  - Green hoodies - \$26 & Gray crewneck \$23.00 (2XL & 3XL add \$3.50)

#### **IV. Old Business**

- Food Drive (Social Services)
  - MYSB collected a bin full of canned good to help stock Social Services
- STEAP Grant Update
  - New heating and cooling system for the Community Center
  - Replacing gym floor at the Community Center

#### **V. YAC (Youth Action Council)**

- **See Attached**

#### **VI. Good & Welfare**

- Donation from Kim, Glenn, & Matthew Clark – Thank you!

#### **VII. JRB Update (Cases, Dispositions, Referrals)**

- Cases
  - Truancy cases are up
  - 4 kids on the case load
- Community Diversion Plan Update
  - YSB picking up anything the court doesn't pick up

#### **VIII. Other Business**

- Grants (State & Local)
  - \$5,000 Opioid – Community remembrance quilt – community members can create a quilted square in memory of a loved one, MYSB will provide all materials
  - \$2,000 Gambling – “It seems harmless... until it isn't.” The group is working to create a campaign focused on education, but most importantly, how to talk to your parents about suspected gambling addiction.
- Budgets (State & Local)
  - Governor kept budget as is

**X. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm

**XI. Next Meeting**

April 8, 2021 – this meeting will include the “Like” film and a pizza party

Respectfully Submitted: Susan Rickards  
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