

YSB-LPC Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2024

Voluntown Elementary School

(Held virtually via Zoom at 5:00 p.m.)

Members of Voluntown Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board and the Local Prevention Council (LPC): Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Abuse Prevention (ATODA):

Members Present:

Adam S. Burrows (Superintendent and YSB-LPC Secretary)
Jo-Anne Weir (VES Teacher)
Rachel Ricard (Parent)

Members Absent: Diana Ingraham (YSB-LPC Chairperson), Jen Koczan (PTO), Paula Grillo (Business Proprietor), Christopher Wilson (Vice Chair and BOE Member), Autumn Kelly (HS Student), and Steven Steniger (HS Student)

Also Present: Melinda Bryan (YSB Director), Deborah Walker (SERAC), and Dee Dee Jackman (YSB Clerk)

CALL TO ORDER: Superintendent Adam Burrows called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. There was not a quorum present, so this meeting is informational only.

YSB-LPC ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP: Due to continued difficulties in reaching a quorum at the meetings, it was discussed to remove two of the student members as “voting” members and assign them as “Student Representatives” in the future. By decreasing the amount of members to 6 or 7, reaching a quorum for motions will be more attainable.

REVIEW MINUTES: The minutes to the 11/15/23 meeting were provided. Tabled to the next meeting.

BUDGET REPORT: The budget report reflected an anticipated balance of \$19,562.48 and an available balance of \$8,464.69.)

SERAC: The vaping grant has been submitted by Melinda. Deborah Walker from SERAC announced upcoming training programs which are all available on their website (www.SERAC.org). Trainings include the following topics: Agism and Mental Illness, Youth Leadership Training, Suicide Training, and Youth Mental Health First Aid.

REPORT BY THE YSB DIRECTOR: *(by Melinda Bryan)*

Nursing Staff: Terry Quintas will be needed for nursing staff for programs run in January and February.

Build a Snowman: Kayla Barber and Tina Brayman will run this program on January 8, 22, 29, and February 5, 2024 for Grades 1-2.

Circuitry: Sue Dander will run this program on January 8, 22, 29, and February 5, 2024 for Grades 3-4.

Board Games & Walking: Alyson Paige will do this program on January 8, 22, 29 and Feb.5, 2024 for Grades 7-8.

Valentine Crafts: Val Lord and Angela Orzel will run this program for Kindergarten students on February 7, 2024. Sue Dander and Carolyn Stands will run it for grades 1-2 and Kayla Barber and Tina Brayman will run it for grades 3-4.

Screen Free Week: To be held in May. Melinda would like to hire Carnival Party for a Lego event on May 8th and a Medieval event on May 10, 2024.

Melinda will be meeting with Jen Buckley from SERAC to discuss a grant. She also submitted the SERAC application on January 5, 2024.

DCF PRIORITIES/JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD: No communications were received.

OTHER: Melinda mentioned there will be a legislative breakfast coming up and will forward information via email.

Future Virtual YSB-LPC meeting dates are on the following Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.: 2/21, 3/20, 4/17, 5/15, and 6/19/24.

Agenda Items for the next meeting will include the following: Memberships changed to Student Representatives; Approve Minutes 11/15/23 and 1/17/24; Budget Report; and the YSB Director's Report.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dee Dee Jackman (YSB-LPC Clerk) and Adam S. Burrows (Superintendent and YSB-LPC Secretary)