

YSB-LPC Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2023

Voluntown Elementary School

(Held virtually via Zoom)

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)

Diana Ingraham (YSB-LPC Chairperson)

Christopher Wilson (Vice Chair and BOE Member)

Jo-Anne Weir (VES Teacher)

Paula Grillo (Business Proprietor)

Autumn Kelly (JHS Student)

Members Absent: Rachel Ricard (Parent) and Steven Steniger (HS Student)

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

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Diana Ingraham called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

YSB-LPC ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP: Mrs. Weir noted that Jen Koczan expressed interest in becoming a member of this Board. An invitation to attend the April meeting will be sent.

REVIEW MINUTES: The minutes to the 3/15/23 meeting were provided and a correction was noted.

Motion (4/19/23) was made (Wilson/Weir) to approve the 3/15/23 YSB-LPC Minutes as amended. All in favor; motion passed.

BUDGET REPORT: Mr. Burrows noted the budget report reflected a balance of \$15,214.49. He will be asking the BOE to increase their annual contribution to the YSB from \$3,500 to \$7,000 in the upcoming school budget proposal. The YSB may increase their collections and fees in the future, if needed. The budget report was approved as presented.

SERAC: Deborah Walker, Program Coordinator from SERAC, shared a list of training programs, support groups, and upcoming grant opportunities. Mr. Burrows noted his appreciation to Deborah stating that it is helpful to have a SERAC representative available to attend our YSB-LPC meetings. The SERAC website www.seracct.org has many resources available for the community to view.

REPORT BY THE YSB DIRECTOR: (Melinda Bryan)

The school will be hosting a presentation called “Hidden in Plain Sight” on April 20, 2023.

Fishing Derby

Melinda reported that the Fishing Derby was held on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Groton Sportsmen’s Club in North Stonington, CT. The YSB has been given advanced permission to utilize their club again next year. She thanked the Pachaug Bait Shed for donating fish bait and Steven Steniger along with many others that helped make the day a big success.

Medical Support

Motion (4/19/23) was made (Weir/Burrows) to hire Terry Quintas for Medical Support for 1 hour on April 26, 2023. All in favor; motion passed.

Slime

To be held on March 26, 2023 for students in grades 2 and will be using existing supplies from the previous program.

Motion (4/19/23) was made (Burrows/Weir) to approve the Slime Program and hire Sue Dander for 1.5 hours. All in favor; motion passed.

Chess Tournament

The Chess Tournament will have a practice day on May 1, 2023 and the tournament will be held on May 4, 2023 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Motion (4/19/23) was made (Weir/Grillo) to approve the Chess Tournament and hire Alyson Paige to supervise 1.5 hours per day. The cost of trophies will not exceed \$50. All in favor; motion passed.

Ness Fishing Charter

To be held on May 20, 2023 for up to 14 students in grades 4-8.

Motion (4/19/23) was made (Burrows/Weir) to approve the Ness Fishing Charter for \$575 and pay Alyson Paige to chaperone and hire a bus driver for 4 hours each. All in favor; motion passed.

Screen-Free Week

To be held the week of May 8-12, 2023.

Motion (4/19/23) was made (Wilson/Weir) to hire Kayla Barber and Hailie Davis to run the events for Screen-Free Week. They will be paid up to 12 hours each, if needed. The motion included hiring Tina Brayman for up to 5 hours to assist. All in favor; motion passed.

CheerFest

To be held on May 30, 31, June 1, and 2, 2023 from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. and also June 3, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Motion (4/19/23) was made (Burrows/Grillo) to approve paying Kayla Barber and Darlena Loranger each a stipend of \$500 for the CheerFest Program. All in favor; motion passed.

8th Grade Bowling

The 8th grade class (33 students) will be going to the Ally Katz in Westerly, RI on June 7th from 9:30 -11:30 a.m.

Motion (4/19/23) was made (Grillo/Wilson) to approve the 8th Grade Bowling event for \$198, which includes the shoe rental costs. All in favor; motion passed.

DCF PRIORITIES and/or COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Burrows gave a DCF Grant Allocation Update and noted that the State is still working on budget allocations.

JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD

Mr. Burrows stated that the JRB Bylaws are ready and this Board is available to serve, if needed. All procedures and policies will be followed.

OTHER

A school Mental Health Grant is being sought out for a school social worker position

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Agenda Items will include the following: New Member (Jen Koczan); Approve Minutes; Budget Report; YSB Director's Report; JRB; YSB-LPC and Director's Evaluations for 22-23.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

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