

YSB-LPC Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

September 20, 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)

Rachel Ricard (Parent)

Paula Grillo (Business Proprietor)

Members Absent: Jen Koczan (PTO), Autumn Kelly (HS Student), and Steven Steniger (HS Student)

Also Present: Melinda Bryan (YSB Director), Dee Dee Jackman (YSB Clerk), Debbie Walker (SERAC), and Sydney Tabor (SERAC Project Coordinator)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Diana Ingraham called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

YSB-LPC ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP: Tabled to the next meeting. Melinda Bryan noted that Michael Cabriotti has been volunteering to help at YSB events.

REVIEW MINUTES: The minutes to the 8/16/23 meeting were accepted as presented.

BUDGET REPORT: The budget report reflected a balance of \$33,559.54.

Motion (9/20/23) was made (Wilson/Grillo) to approve the Budget Report as presented. All in favor; motion passed.

SERAC: Debbie Walker and Sydney Tabor from SERAC attended and discussed grant availabilities and upcoming suicide prevention and mental health awareness training meetings that will be held virtually. She provided the link for the Board.

REPORT BY THE YSB DIRECTOR: (by Melinda Bryan)

Melinda reported that 175 tickets for ice cream were handed out at last night's Open House at the school. It was a great success.

Stem: To be held on October 16, 23, 30 and November 2 from 3:20 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for students in grades 1-2.

Motion (9/20/23) was made (Wilson/Weir) to approve the STEM program and pay Sue Dander 2 hours prep plus 1.5 hours per day (\$269.28) and also hire Caroline Stands to assist for 1.5 hours per day at her Paraeducator rate. All in favor; motion passed.

Birds: To be held on October 16, 23, 30 and November 2 from 3:20 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for students in grades 3-4.

Motion (9/20/23) was made (Grillo/Ricard) to approve the Birds Program and pay Kayla Barber 2 hours prep plus 1.5 hours per day (\$269.28) and also hire Tina Brayman to assist for 1.5 hours per day at her Paraeducator rate. All in favor; motion passed.

Chess: To be held on October 16, 23, 30 and November 2 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for students in grades 4-8.

Motion (9/20/23) was made (Wilson/Weir) to approve the Chess Program and pay Alyson Paige 1.5 hours per day (\$201.96). All in favor; motion passed.

Red Cross Babysitter Course: Tentatively to be held on November 11, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for up to 10 students ages 11-15.

Motion (9/20/23) was made (Grillo/Ricard) to approve the Red Cross Babysitter Course for up to \$1818. All in favor; motion passed.

Melinda stated she has submitted the 22-23 budget report and hopes to attend the New London Chapter's meeting next month.

DCF PRIORITIES and/or COMMUNICATIONS: None received.

JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD: Melinda stated that we remain under Griswold's JRB with Ryan Aubin. We have not had a case for many years.

OTHER: None

Future Virtual YSB-LPC meeting dates are on the following Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.: 10/18, 11/15, 12/20/23, 1/17, 2/21, 3/20, 4/17, 5/15, and 6/19/24

Agenda Items for the next meeting will include the following: Student Representative; Approve Minutes; Budget Report; YSB Director's Report; DCF and JRB

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

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