

**YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT**

MINUTES

January 22, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Youth Services Commission was held Monday, January 22, 2024, at the East Granby Senior/Community Center. Chairman Bob Ravens-Seger called the meeting to order at 6:28pm. Members also present were Sara Kleinman, Josette Lumbruno, Art Reardon; student member Evan Hanks; and Program Coordinator Alicia Van Neil.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CORRESPONDENCE

None

4. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by J Lumbruno and seconded by S Kleinman to accept the minutes from the December 18, 2023, meeting, as submitted. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A./B. Programming/Prevention

A Van Neil reported on the following programs: The three-part series on sexual behavior with Brita Gutberg starts tomorrow, there was a workshop scheduled with Granby for grandparents that will probably be cancelled due to no enrollments, Dog Therapy starts Friday at Allgrove, the Hang Out group will be starting at Seymour, as well as Girls Circle and Boys Council. A Van Neil also mentioned she and Becky spoke with Peterson at the Middle School regarding the MS YAC podcasts that correlate with the Resilience Grows Here sessions, and how those podcasts will be available for parents to watch to know what is being discussed in school. Training for the Fatal Vision Goggles and for the Peddle Cart will hopefully take place soon. S Kleinman mentioned a new Love and Logic program is scheduled for the end of February, but so far no one has enrolled in it.

C. YAC Update

B Jones reported on the MS YAC activities. The Great Skate will happen in March at the International Skating Rink, and they are hoping to plan a Valentine's Day activity. The Mentorship program is going well. E Hanks added the next session will take place on February 5th for 3rd and 4th grade students. A Van Neil asked if the YAC students would be interested in holding a 4-6 week session with 5th grade students regarding the transition to the middle school. A Van Neil gave an update on the HS YAC for A Newton. A Newton will follow-up and reflect with students regarding the Recycle-A-Gift and the Letters for Santa programs. The HS YAC will also be coordinating with the MS YAC for their Sports Day with the Middle School.

D. JRB Update

B Jones mentioned there was a JRB meeting right before this meeting. There has been one hearing. The three new members started, and the total members are now 11. There will be a sub-committee developed to create a pamphlet about the JRB for parents to read. The JRB is looking to move their meetings due to the small space in the High School conference room. The JRB continues to look for ways to involve the schools. A secretary was appointed to the board. Justine from FVHD will make a list of programs to be able to give families a list of resources.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A Van Neil met with a resident who runs the non-profit Rise-Up organization. He would like to work with the community or a youth group to design a large-scale mural to paint. A possible location for this mural is the silo at East Granby Farms.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by R Ravens-Seger and seconded by S Kleinman to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 pm. Votes were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Kovaleski
Youth Services Commission Clerk