

**YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION  
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT**

**MINUTES  
February 26, 2024**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the East Granby Youth Services Commission was held Monday, February 26, 2024, at East Granby Farms in the white house. Chairman Bob Ravens-Seger called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members also present were Sara Kleinman, Josette Lumbruno, Art Reardon; student members Evan Hanks and Mia Hines; YAC Facilitators Alicia Cruz and Bonnie Jones; and Program Coordinator Alicia Van Neil.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**4. APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion was made by A Reardon and seconded by J Lumbruno to accept the minutes from the January 22, 2024, meeting, as submitted. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A./B. Programming/Prevention**

A Van Neil reported on the following programs: Healthy Relationships at the High School is still in the works; Love and Logic is being cancelled this week due to low enrollment; Girls Circle, Boys Council, and After School Hangout programs are all happening. The Playhouse on Park theater group put on a play called “Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical at Allgrove School. The play explored the concepts of justice, equality, and community. Dog Therapy was also back at Allgrove. S Kleinman mentioned she sent families an e-mail asking about Love and Logic- what topics they would like to learn about, what days would be best, and whether in-person or virtual meetings work best.

**C. YAC Update**

B Jones reported on the MS YAC activities. They held a Valentine’s Day event two weeks ago for First through Third Grade students. The original date was cancelled due to the weather. Many people who signed up for the event originally could not make the rescheduled date. Great Skate is scheduled for March 16. A townwide clean-up will be held at the end of April. A couple students are working on the podcasts. Fifth grade mentorship will be starting in May. Third and Fourth Grade Mentorship programs are also ongoing.

A Cruz reported on the HS YAC activities. They will be meeting tomorrow and are planning a community movie night at East Granby Farms. They are participating in the Fifth Grade Mentorship program and are also planning another Sports Day. A Van Neil mentioned the re-application and application process for YAC members for next year will start next month. Talking to Fifth Grade students about the program will be at the end of April or the beginning of May.

**D. JRB Update**

No update.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

A Van Neil mentioned a couple residents who are in law enforcement are interested in being a member of this commission, to possibly replace S Menard who is unable to attend evening meetings since becoming East Granby's School Resource Officer. S Menard would still be a liaison for JRB.

A Van Neil also mentioned she is working with the town treasurer about using ARPA Funding to pay for a program coordinator and our extra therapist salaries. The state redefined how ARPA funding can be used, and as of the end of December, ARPA funding can no longer be used for salaries unless there is a defined contract. With the correct paperwork, ARPA funding can still be used.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by E Hanks and seconded by A Reardon to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 pm. Votes were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Kovaleski  
Youth Services Commission Clerk