

**YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION  
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT**

**MINUTES**

**September 18, 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the East Granby Youth Services Commission was held Monday, September 18, 2023, at the East Granby Community Center. Chairman Bob Ravens-Seger called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. Members present were Art Reardon, Sara Kleinman; student members Mia Hines and Evan Hanks; YAC Facilitators Bonnie Jones and Alicia Cruz, and Program Coordinator Becky Hayes.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**4. APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion was made by A Reardon and seconded by S Kleinman to accept the minutes from the August 21, 2023, meeting, as submitted. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Programming**

B Hayes stated that the Seymour School's Girls' Circle group has resumed. The after-school hangout group with Mason Williams at Seymour school is very popular. It began with 12 attendees and has 3 on the waiting list. Love and Logic Parenting and Love and Logic curriculum will continue. S Kleinman reported October 4<sup>th</sup> starts the session about parents and other adults working with children with special needs. A six-week session of regular curriculum starts in November, and then another one will start in February. Love and Logic Trauma may be done as a professional development for preschool staff. S Kleinman may partner with AnnMarie Cox to be able to offer curriculum on a different night (Monday). B Hayes also mentioned that Dog Therapy will resume at the Middle and High Schools soon. Classes for Staying Home Alone and for Babysitting will be held, dates TBD. B Hayes also reported that we will be partnering with Brita Gutberg in presenting workshops to parents on having difficult conversations with elementary school age children, as well as a separate class for older children.

**B. Prevention**

The dates for the presentations on "Sexting and Texting" are still TBD. The dates for presentations about Mental Health, First Aid and QPR with the FVHD are also still TBD. A meeting will be held soon with Olivia Petersen and Tim Phelan at the Middle School about continuing the Jordan Perco program or using other content in the school to avoid program duplication between the Middle School and Youth Services.

**C. YAC Update**

B Jones stated that the Middle School YAC met last week. The Middle School and the High School YAC members will be going to the Wilderness School for team building. The Middle School students will also be returning to Bandits Place- an animal rescue facility- to do volunteer work. E Hanks reported on the Mentorship Program. Information has gone out to Middle School and High School YAC members regarding the program in hopes they want to be involved. A meeting was held with M Lukenbach to set dates for the program at Seymour school for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. A Cruz reported that the High School YAC also met last week. There are a lot of new members that need to learn the new culture and expectations of the High School YAC. Students seem interested in the Mentorship Program but there may be scheduling conflicts. Students will be setting up the Jack-o-lanterns for the Halloween event at Newgate Prison, as well as participating in the Empty Bowls Event for the Women's Club.

#### **D. JRB Update**

B Jones stated that the JRB will now be meeting three times a year to work on procedures. There are also dates scheduled two times a month for hearing dates to be used as needed. Hearings will be held in the East Granby High School's conference room after school hours. A discussion was held about increasing the number of board members to 11. S Kleinman made a motion "to increase the number of members in the JRB to 11". A Reardon seconded the motion. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried. S Menard will discuss with Superintendent Melissa Bavaro-Grande about flexibility in having administrators and/or guidance counselors attend meetings and hearings.

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

A discussion was held about increasing the number of Youth Service Commission Board Members to 9 members. M Hines made a motion "to increase the number of members of the Youth Service Commission Board from 7 to 9". E Hanks seconded the motion. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

#### **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by E Hanks and seconded by M Hines to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Kovalesski  
Youth Services Commission Clerk