

# Bloomfield Youth Adult Council

## Minutes – January 5, 2016

Attendance: Breonna Sykes, Yolanda Jenkins, Pat Maneggia, Joyce Betts, Taij Howe, Patterson Crocker, Tina Parchin, Roger Bunker, Donna Ward, Bethany White, Shander George, Michell Waterman, & Robert Wilkins

**A. December 2015 Minutes – *Motion made and carried to accept December 2015 minutes***

**B. Youth Adult Council Membership – New Term**

- Looking to recruit 2 new parents for new term
- Recommendations for new term should be sent in this week – planning to submit to the town

**C. Program Reports**

**a. Juvenile Review Board**

- 16 active cases in December with 4 new referrals pending

**b. Police & Youth Community Crusaders**

- Looking to begin next month (February)
- Will be recruiting 14-16 youth participants
- Late start because the JRB has maintained a higher than average caseload since the beginning of the school year.

**c. Police & Youth Trekkers**

- Both groups went to SOARIN' INDOOR AERIAL ADVENTURES and to Hometown Buffet with 5 members of the Bloomfield Police Department
- Youth and police participants are invested and enjoying their time together

**d. FCSN**

- Had a very busy December
  - 12/5 – Holiday Breakfast Party – 26 youth and adults in attendance
  - 12/12 – 12 children and adults attended Youth Action Club Breakfast and A Show
  - 12/12 – Group made gingerbread houses
  - 12/2- UConn Men's Basketball game
  - 12/28 – Younger group went to Jumpin' Jonnies and then out to lunch
  - 12/29 – Older group went to Dave & Busters
- Leadership group ended in December

**e. DCF Out-Posted Position** Donna Maitland – Ward Hartford Office Director from DCF shared that DCF is interested in assigning a full time DCF Worker in Bloomfield on a full time basis. Bloomfield is the last Town in our region to have an out-posted worker. Pat will submit information to Camilla to seek approval of the worker being housed at Social and Youth Services. Donna will forward information from DCF about the benefits of assigning a full time worker to the community.

**f. Youth Action Club**

- 81 tickets sold for Breakfast and a show. Eva Peart with Nia + Friendz (African dancing & drumming) performed. Group netted \$684 from the program
- Sponsored a trip for high school students to Dave & Busters on December 28th
- Working on plans for a high school party, leadership retreat to Camp Jewel, a police and youth forum, support for the Walk Like MADD, and the Intergenerational Mardi Gras Party

**g. CAIS Journey After School Program**

- Monday/Thursday continued with split groups. Wednesdays are still dedicated to team building activities and fundraisers for charity
- Pine Lake Challenge Course facilitators hosted a team building session in December for all group members at Carmen Arace
- Held Hoop Hoop Hooray Fundraiser - \$1.00 to participate
- One new Youth Services Assistant Youth and Family Worker has been hired

**H. CAMS Youth Academy After-School Program**

- Group made waffles with special toppings and participated in a variety of table games and teambuilding in December
- Met with Grand Pals twice during the month (group of 34 youth and seniors), including a holiday celebration
- Night/Weekend activities this year include to date: Newsies at the Bushnell Wolf Pack Hockey games, UConn basketball games, and the National Chinese Acrobats of the People's Republic of China at Jorgensen

**D. Special Events Upcoming**

- Mummenshanz at the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts 1/22
- Family trip to Disney on Ice 1/13
- 2 Mardi Gras parties – Both Intergenerational: Seniors with Youth Action Club on 2/5 and Seniors with the CAMS after-school group on 2/9)
- 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Valentines Dance Party on 2/12
- Step 3 for the Juvenile Justice Forum Series – 25-40 youth together with Police to discuss relations, concerns, and vision.

**E. Community Involvement**

- CT Youth Services Association meeting will be held 1/27. Exploring sustainability of programs and services given the current fiscal status of the State. Pat suggested that a 501C3 Partner would be beneficial to accessing grants and foundations that do not allow municipalities to apply for support

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- MADD Pat is working on Planning committee for the Walk Like MADD scheduled to take place in May at XFINITY in Hartford
- CASAC – Attended regional prevention committee meeting in December. Presentation by MADD about programs and services available to communities

**New Business**

- Jesse White named principal at Metacomet Elementary School
- Sarah Williams named principal at Carmen Arace Intermediate School
- Mr. White is working on proposal to give to Pat to recruit youth math tutors for

Meeting adjourned at 7:12p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2016, 6p.m. at Social and Youth Services, 330 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor.