

BLOOMFIELD YOUTH ADULT COUNCIL
MINUTES – MAY 3RD, 2016

Attendance: Yolanda Jenkins, Pat Maneggia, Juanita Richardson, Don Crocker, Breonna Crocker, Roger Bunker, Officer Kenan Vugdalic, Hector Colon, Donna Maitland-Ward

1. Motion made and carried to accept minutes from March 1, 2016 and April 5, 2016.
2. Motion made and carried to add \$100 to the original approved amount of \$250 to sponsor the Police and Youth Community Crusaders in the WALK LIKE MADD. Additional funding to support additional participants.
3. Motion made and carried to allocate a maximum of \$500 toward the volunteer banquet.

4. Grant Status

Grants from the State Department of Education (3) to be impacted for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. No notification to grantees has been made with specific cuts/reductions at this time.

DCF Foster Care Support Network Grant - Significant DCF reductions have been approved but impact on the grant is unknown at this time.

CASAC/DMHAS Local Prevention Grant – Federally supported. Anticipate level funding for 2016-2017.

5. Foster Care Support Network: April Activities – Movie and lunch out, Claypen, Police and Youth Forum, Having Our Say at Hartford Stage and Launch Trampoline Park. May Activities – Nature’s Art and Dinosaur Place, Circus, Ron-A-Roll, Family Dinner and Magic Show, Bloomfield District Performing Arts at the Bushnell, Dinner and Movie Night Out, and Laser Quest

6. Juvenile Review Board: New influx of referrals. Six intakes and hearings. Two youth individual support services. 8 youth with community service to be scheduled for June, July and August. Caseworker working closely with families and schools.

7. Youth Action Club – Assisted with organizing and participating in Police and Youth Forum on 4/13. Plans for May include regular meeting, Walk Like MADD, and dinner and movie night.

8. After School Groups – Smooth operating. Staff are consistent and very supportive. Positive results with children. 65 CAIS youth are registered. Step-Up Club involves 17 7th and 8th graders and 17 Grand Pals.

9. Police and Youth Programs: “Out of the park month”. Michell experiencing programs first hand since coming on board.

4/13 – Police and Youth Forum. Dinner Ice Breakers, and Candid Conversations. 25 youth (8th-12th grades), 6 youth services staff and 3 police department members. Night ended with hugs and handshakes.

4/15 – Police and Youth Trekkers – GeoCaching at Penwood State Forest. Facilitated by staff from Newington Human Services Ropes Course. Followed by lunch at Village Pizza. 14 6th -8th graders, 4 youth services staff and 3 police department members. They loved it!

4/26 – Police and Youth Community Crusaders First meeting this year. 3 Police Department members, 6 youth services staff, 14 youth in 8th-11th grades. Dinner, Ice Breakers, “Speed Dating”. A great night and start to the program. Kids upset that it is not scheduled for every week. Next session the group is focusing on teambuilding in the Youth Center. Being facilitated by staff from the Pine Lake Challenge Course.

10. GIRLS TALK

7 6th-8th grade girls. Facilitated by Coretta and Breonna. Life skills and support group. Met weekly for 10 weeks. Final session held at Ron-A-Roll. Well organized. Girls totally committed. Coretta has left us with the curriculum she created so we may continue.

11. MANUP

8 7th-9th grade boys. Facilitated by Taij and Ramon. Life skills and support group. Met 10 weeks. Challenging group but they wanted to be here. Final group held at Laser Tag.

12. Special Events:

USA Women’s Soccer Game – 4/6 30 youth. Score 8-0 USA Supreme! Kids loved it though a little chilly.

Having Our Say – The Delaney Sisters at Hartford Stage 4/6 40 young ladies, moms and grandmothers. Outstanding performance – everyone talking up a storm for days after.

Intergenerational Wii Bowling and Luncheon 4/12 Grand Pals whooped the kids every game. 10 youth and 10 Grand Pals. Beautiful afternoon together.

Launch Trampoline Park 4/16 30 happy jumpers and 6 staff. Pizza and beverages after 2 hours of jumping.

13. New Business:

Roger Bunker shared that a new Syrian family will be welcomed to Bloomfield on May 11th.

Reminded council members that there will not be a regular meeting of the Youth Adult Council in June. The Annual Volunteer Banquet is scheduled for June 7th.

14. Vision Quest – Council members continued work on “Dream It. Visualize and Prioritize. Formalize and Realize.”

Meeting adjourned at 7:34p.m.