Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Attendance: Hector Colon, Donna Maitland-Ward, Carla Ladson, Lt. James Salvatore, Camilla Hillian, Roger Bunker, Shander George

I. Approval September, 2021 minutes
   a. Motion to approve by Roger Bunker
   b. Seconded by Hector Colon
   c. Motion approved by majority

II. Roger Bunker requested information on what data was kept on school referrals to the police department. Also requested info for social, emotional, learning and restorative practice instruction is being provided to Police officers (especially those in schools)
   a. Lt. Salvatore explained that if a call is received by the school, as with any other call received, they do document if called out to the location or to assist at a school.
   b. At this time there are no School Resource Officers (SROs) in the schools due to staffing issues.
   c. He did express that responding officers are encouraged to utilize the JRB (Juvenile Review Board) process when appropriate
   d. With respect to training, Lt. Salvatore mentioned focus for PD is more to restorative justice. He does feel training provided within the Police Department is similar to what may be provided within the schools, simply under different terminology
   e. Within the 6-month police academy training, officers are receiving training under the Fair and Impartial Police Training, which incorporates restorative justice practices. He is unsure as to the amount/time dedicated to the training. All new recruits do receive this training.
   f. More tenured Officers are required to complete recertification training which is 40 hours every 3 years. A portion of the recertification training is dedicated to restorative justice (generally 2 or 4 hours).
   g. Other training is provided such as Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and De-escalation Training. This is generally provided within the Police Academy Training. At this time he does not know that amount of time dedicated to the training within the academy however he can research if needed for the council.
h. The police department recently hired a CHR clinician to be on staff part-time beginning October 25, 2021.

i. Roger did ask if we have compared our data to other neighboring towns such as Windsor or Windsor Locks. Lt. Salvatore responded the police department is not proactively reaching out to other towns to compare data on items such as referrals.

j. Roger also asked what percentage of the time has there been SROs in the schools over the last 3 to 5 years. Lt. Salvatore responded he cannot provide a percentage however it has been about 1-2 years since no one has been formerly in the schools. He did express that although no one is specifically assigned, the Officers are still engaged with all the town schools.

k. Lt. Salvatore did provide additional information that Officer Wilkins has been temporarily reassigned due to the staffing issues. However Officer Wilkins will continue to participate in the community service and other department events whenever available.

l. Camilla did read a response from the principal of Bloomfield High School, Dan Moleti regarding the original question posed by Roger Bunker.

III. Old Business
   a. Youth Services Program Updates
      ● Fall Schedule
      1. Tribe - Young Men’s Mentorship Program
         - Has begun with Mr. Ramon and Mr. Mitchell
      2. Bloomfield Police and Youth Group
         - Begins in a couple of weeks
         - Recruiting is ongoing
      3. Project 330 Leadership Group (Formerly known as the Youth Action Club)
         - In the process of recruiting new youth to participate (4 youth currently enrolled)
      4. Life Skillz
         - Led by Eric and Breonna
      5. SunbeamsTribe (Young Ladies Group)
         - Led by Tiffany and Breonna
         - Group meets twice a month
      ● Juvenile Review Board
         1. Two active cases and 6 new referrals
         2. 5 of the new referrals are related to one incident; 1 from Juvenile Court
      ● Foster Care Support Network
         1. Programs are ongoing - Question regarding current staffing posed (refer to staffing in new business)
         2. All groups now in person
         3. There have been a few field trips
      ● Trunk or Treat
         1. Friday, October 22nd
         2. YAC will have a trunk
         3. First year the event will include an outside movie both Drive-in and outside seating

IV. New Business
   a. YAC Budget Review
      ● Current budget of $3,000
      ● Prior year budget breakouts:
1. $300 for Trunk or Treat
2. $1200 for community presentations
3. $1500 for high school graduation
   ● Proposed budget discussions ongoing; discussions to continue after the holiday season regarding future community presentations
   ● Carla did request if the council would be donating to other holiday programs; Camilla did mention we could participate in Holiday gift card distribution (as we have in previous years); donation was anywhere from $300 to $350
   ● To be discussed in more detail in the November meeting

b. Parent Wellness Series with BPS - Quishema Jones
   ● Partnership with the department
   ● Original start date was for October, 2021 however under the suggestion from Quishema, start date will be moved to January, 2021 based on feedback from parents to delay
   ● More to come

c. Youth Services staffing updates
   ● FosterCare support staff are no longer with the department due to other commitments
   ● Tiffany has been staffing that role until the position is filled
   ● Activity coordinator being supported by Jasmine
   ● Hopeful to be back to full staffing by November, 2021
   ● Youth and Family worker to be posted soon; Mr. Mitchell helping out when available due to recent retirement from other non-department position

d. Grant Updates
   ● Summer Youth Employment
     1. Documentation recently completed and submitted
     2. Looking forward to next year’s program
     3. Next year’s program will include a partnership with Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce that will provide more employment opportunity for the youth
   ● CAMS Grant
     1. BPS did not receive the grant from the state department of education
     2. Leisure Services is still providing some after school programming targeting those grades in CAMS
     3. Social and Youth Services will also be working with CAMS to see what services they can provide in the absence of the formal program
   ● Local Prevention Grant - ATOD Funding
     1. Additional $1500 provided this year to focus on alcohol and drug prevention
     2. Considering returning some presentations that were successful in prior years
     3. Awaiting details and information on Youth Services Bureau and Enhancement grants

e. Youth Adult Council membership updates
   ● Camilla will be updating the membership list to the town
   ● To be tabled for November meeting

f. Discussion and take action to approve calendar year 2022 meeting schedule
   ● Motion to approve by Hector Colon
   ● Seconded by Carla Ladson
   ● Motion approved by majority
   ● Youth Adult will continue to meet via Zoom until directed by the town

g. Youth Adult Council Minutes - 2nd person needed to assist
   ● Tabled until November meeting
V. Announcements
   a. Roger is and has been requesting information regarding discipline within the school district without a lot of feedback. We will be following up with this topic in the coming meetings.
   b. Donna Maitland-Ward did provide feedback the Dad Hero event recently conducted in the town was a great event; looking forward to continuing the partnership in coming years.

VI. Public Comments
   a. None

VII. Adjournment
   a. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

The Youth Adult Council meets the first Tuesday of the Month
Next Meeting: November 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.