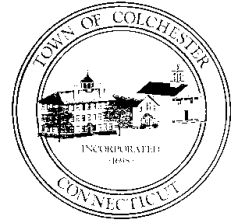




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YOUTH FIRST COALITION

November 6, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Location: Colchester Youth Center

Time: 5:00-6:30pm

- Voting Members present: Pamela Scheibelein, Lorraine Marvin, Gina Ebbeling, Shirley Ellis
 - Voting Members Absent: Kathy Wonderly, Linda Bromley, Gail Baxter, Robert Suchecki
 - Non Voting Members present: Meghan Hickey, Linda Iacobellis, Barbara Gilbert
 - Non Voting Members Absent: Brittney Berube, Chris Bennett
 - Others Present: Valerie Geato, Jennifer Sloat, Brian Aloia, Ashlee Denny, Josh Vinoski, John Reeve, Rob Tarlov
1. Call Meeting to Order: Pamela Scheibelein called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.
 2. Public comments: None
 3. Youth Center Crosswalk Update: Construction barrel with 2 crosswalk signs and a flashing light on wheels. The barrel is working well and has not been hit by any vehicles unlike the previous sign.
 4. Program Updates: Director Geato, Program Coordinators Jen Sloat and Brian Aloia
 - a. Youth Force Group – painted pumpkins for a Breast Cancer treatment center and the group also volunteered at the Making Strides Breast Cancer walk at Rocky Neck on 10/27/13.
 - b. Youth Action Council – Painted Pumpkins at Harrington Court and completed a team building event at Camp Hazen.
 - c. Upcoming Community Conversations: Weeding Out the Facts & Cyber Safety
 - d. Recent completed trainings –
 - i. In Her Shoes on teen dating violence attended by Jennifer Sloat and Ashlee Denny
 - ii. QPR (Questions, Persuasion, Response) Suicide prevention attended by Valerie Geato and Jennifer Sloat. Training to be presented to PAL, teachers and Youth FIRST as part of the certification.

- iii. Boys Council training attended by Brian Aloia– new boys group to start in November with 6-8 6th grade students.
 - e. G2G – girls mentoring group consisting of students from EO Smith, Bacon Academy & Old Saybrook High Schools to participate with the UCONN’s women’s center beginning in November.
 - f. Administrative Assistant position expanding to Administrative & Program Coordinator to include running youth programs and assisting Social Services.
 - g. FWSN (Family with Service Needs) expanded from WJMS to include Bacon Academy to discuss student cases that include truancy and defiance of school rules. New cases from Bacon Academy have been very successful.
 - h. Safe School Grant – provides funding for substance abuse programs, after school mentors and community service. More information to be presented as the program is developed.
- 5. 2013/2014 Goals “Year of the Family” Ideas –
 - a. November WJMS Climbing Event – Date & Time TBD
 - b. April/May – Team Obstacle course/family fun run to partner with Parks & Rec
 - c. Soccer Fest – to have a Youth Service table at the tournament. The Board should reach out to Frank Richie that is on the soccer planning board to see how they can be involved.
 - d. Spring (April vacation) – Scavenger hunt with a picnic. Possible locations: Salmon River, Roby Cohen’s Park
 - e. June – Tie dye fest
- 6. Community Conversation upcoming schedule:
 - a. Weeding Out the Facts – 11/8/13
 - b. Cyber Safety - 1/14/14
- 7. Election Day Bake Sale Results - \$311.50 was raised during the Election Day bake sale. Next year, we need to connect with the parents to get additional donations or partner with the schools to get the kids to prepare baked goods. Prompts during youth services registrations to ask if parents are willing to volunteer to help or bake was suggested as a way to get parents more involved.
- 8. Drug Paraphernalia – SERAC has steps to follow to get businesses to stop selling drug paraphernalia. Pamela Scheibelein going to take the lead to establish a plan on how to effectively reach out to the businesses that are selling drug paraphernalia in Colchester. Barbara Gilbert suggested the civics class could try to establish a town ordinance as a class project.

9. Building Use Policy – a policy is being established to allow community and school groups such as SOAR, PAL, and the Moms Club to utilize the youth center when the youth services is not using it.
10. Adjourn: Gina Ebbeling motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:20; it was seconded by Lorraine Marvin.

Submitted 11/13/14 by Ashlee Denny