

Litchfield Prevention Council
Special Meeting
Litchfield Fire House
August 5, 2014 6:04 PM

Present: Elisa Bauer, Joann Brogis, Kelly Garden, Meredith Shafer, Kevin Tieman, Stephanie Kubisek, Litchfield Public Schools Liaison, Greg Kenney, Police Advisor

Excused: Marion Pettinicchi

Call to Order: Kevin Tieman, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

J. Brogis moved to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2014 meeting, second by K Garden. Correction under Old Business move last sentence, "K.Tieman gave information on the use of a police dog in school and how a search is properly conducted" to the last sentence of the third paragraph. Approval of minutes with correction, all ayes, motion passed.

Correspondence:

K. Garden received an email from Jiandan Payza, MS. She ran a program called "Sober Flow Hip Hop Recovery Project" in two states and would like to become involved with prevention here. K. Garden will invite her to a meeting in September.

E Bauer made a motion to change the order of the agenda to move New Business before Old Business. Second by J. Brogis, All ayes, motion carried.

New Business:

Adam Ponsky Presentation: Adam is an Outreach Coordinator for "Steps to Recovery" of Levittown, PA. Steps to Recovery are a team of professionals committed to providing exceptional addiction treatment services to those in need. Adam explained how the company was established and the programs they currently offer. He is available as a resource to this council and offered his assistance to our school counselors.

BOE Presentation:

Betsy Fabbri offered her support to the council, suggested the council have a representative attend the BOE meetings and report activities that are being planned, and offers her assistance to the council. She offered a suggestion that the council may want to schedule a presentation for parents and the public at the same time each month i.e. the third Wednesday at 7:00pm, to create consistency, which may help with attendance at programs the council, may offer in the future.

Gary Waugh also offered his support and spoke to the need for staff members to receive additional training in identifying students in need and how to support/help them. He suggested a survey may still be in the offering and will be discussing that again in their meetings. What will be done with the information that is obtained from the survey remains to be developed.

Election of Secretary:

J. Brogis made a motion to table election of a secretary until all members are in attendance and new members available to participate. Second: M. Shafer, All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

By Law Review: J. Brogis made a motion to table the By Law Review until all members are in attendance and new members available to participate. Second: M. Shafer, All ayes, motion carried.

Survey Options:

Discussion again about the need for a survey and what will be done with the resulting data. Whatever and whenever the survey is chosen members feel the presentation of it to the students and the community is important for its acceptance.

Committee and Liaisons Reports:

Family/Parenting: K. Tieman distributed the pamphlet he and M. Pettinicchi developed and presented to the BOE. He will email a copy to all members for suggestions. S. Kubisek will check if this pamphlet or any information from the council can be included with school mailings.

School/After School: M. Shafer contacted DJ Murphy about printing items for us for the open house. He will match any pricing we get for printing and have offered to donate developing a logo for us. She will contact him and email members the design he develops for discussion at the next meeting.

K. Garden reported attending a meeting presented by the CCM's "Drug Abuse Prevention Working Group" in New Haven. This group is working on many issues related to drug abuse including legislation. They would like a representative from the council to attend their meetings. K. Garden will get more information regarding the meetings.

S. Kubisek reported a meeting with the school counselors about developing the middle school advisory topics.

Members continued discussing all school open houses in September and council's attendance. Center School and LIS will be contacted for dates and acceptance of our attendance. M. Shafer offered to collect data on handouts etc. and plans will be finalized the September 2nd meeting.

Review of Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Election of a secretary, open house, by-law review, grant suggestions, workshop suggestions

Adjournment:

K. Garden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. M. Shafer second, all ayes, motion passed.

Transcribed by E. Bauer

Kevin Tieman, Chair

Next meeting will be September 2, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Litchfield Fire House