

Waterford Youth Services Bureau
Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2014
Waterford Youth Services Bureau

Call to Order:

Chairperson Jody Nazarchyk called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm and a quorum was established.

Attendees:

Ellen Bellos (Vice-Chairperson), Justin Barczak, Kyle Blatchford, Brittany Campbell, Erin Eccleston (Program Coordinator), Dani Gorman (YSB Director), Ryan McNamara, Jody Nazarchyk (Chairperson), Kathleen Peterson, Gene Ryan, Lisa Sachatello, Nicole VanOverloop,

Absent:

Michael Buscetto, Dorothy Concascia, John Guarino, Ryan McNamara, Christine Poscich

Public Input:

None

Motion #1

K. Peterson made the motion to approve the minutes from November 19, 2013. E. Bellos seconded the motion.

Correspondence:

D. Gorman passed around a letter from the Board of Education stating that WYSB will be receiving \$5,000 from them to go towards the clerical position. She then presented an appointment letter stating that Ron Fedor will be the new liaison between WYSB and the Board of Finance. She also passed around thank you notes from the holidays.

Program Report:

E. Eccleston reported that after school programs will begin starting February 10th. She discussed the programs and passed around the program flyer. See attached. She discussed that their float for the Niantic Light parade was awarded second place.

Student Report:

B. Campbell reported that midterms begin on Tuesday, January 21 and the Winter Ball will be held on Saturday, January 26. G. Ryan added that the school invited Fischer's Island high school to join the Winter Ball.

Note: These minutes are scheduled for approval at the next Youth Service Bureau Advisory Committee Meeting.

Director's Report:

D. Gorman reported that her Board of Selectman budget hearing date is Thursday, January 23 at 5:00 pm, and the Board of Finance budget hearing is on Wednesday, March 7 at 7:00 pm. She discussed that the Board of Finance approved the installation of three panic buttons for WYSB. She reported that a lot of December and January has been focused on mental health. She met with Andre Hauser and Jason Adler over mental health awareness. In response, a media campaign focusing on depression and suicide was implemented at the high school. The staff also met with the guidance team of the high school which made them more familiar with the Juvenile Review Board and truancy. Finally she discussed that the counseling services have been very busy and focused on depression, thoughts of suicide, and anxiety.

Financial Report:

D. Gorman reported that things are moving along as they should be with the finances. Discussion followed.

Old Business

None

New Business

D. Gorman reported that WYSB is in discussions with the high school to coordinate a mental health fair. She also discussed that an anonymous business is raising money every month to be donated to WYSB to help needy families with food.

J. Nazarchyk would like the committee to review the by-laws.

Motion #2

K. Peterson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. G. Ryan seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Eccleston
WYSB Program Coordinator