

Holliston Youth Advisory Council

Present: Darlene Vittori-Marsell (Chair), Margaret Fitzpatrick, Kathy Cumming, Holly Fischer-Engel, Lynne Rahim, Peggy Payne, Jen Liebermann, John Drohan (Prospective New Member), Jackie Winer.

Absent: Kassandra Couseillant, Tyler Dunn, Andrew Frimpong, Charlie Coughlin.

Opening Remarks:

Holly made a motion to open which was seconded by Kathy. Having a motion and a second, Council members unanimously agreed to open this meeting.

Jen made a motion to accept the February minutes which was seconded by Peggy.

Director's Report:

1. The school year has begun and YFS is fully staffed. Jackie Winer started in July as the new Court Diversion Coordinator and Therapist. She has been introduced at the high school and will be starting Drop - Ins next week. Jackie has met with one of the School Resource Officers (still needs to meet Mike Woods) and the Juvenile Court Diversion Coordinator to introduce herself and get acclimated to the process. She has been meeting with clients and now has several youths who are going to participate in a mini diversion program for marijuana use. These are clients who have no criminal charges, but the parents have been encouraged to have the youths attend.
2. Summer was slow due mostly to the fact that the Court Diversion Coordinator/Therapist position was unfilled from July 2016 to July 2017. This resulted in YFS needing to turn away clients by school end 2017. With the position now filled, turning away clients will no longer be necessary.
3. Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator, informed Margaret that he was trying to talk to the Selectmen about the compensation package.
4. Jackie has updated the YFS website and brings many new ideas with her. Margaret is looking forward to a great year.

New Business:

1. John Drohan, (Prospective Board Member) was introduced to the group.

2. Jackie introduced herself to the group.
3. Darlene reiterated the need for 5 members to be in attendance for a quorum. She will talk to Andrew about his schedule and his desire to continue on the board. She also asked the board if they would be willing to change meeting days for a few months to accommodate Andrew. As well, she will reach out to Kassandra and Tyler re: attendance.
4. Lynne commented on the recent (second) PTO screening of Most Likely to Succeed , the Parent Focus Group that all are welcome to join/attend and the upcoming PTO Parent Ed offering ó Joani Geltman and Adolescent Psychology on October 12th.

Closing Remarks: Peggy motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jen seconded.

Next Meeting: The next YFS board meeting will be held on Monday, October 16th, 2017 at the YFS office, 1750 Washington Street, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By: Lynne Rahim