

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD  
AND  
DESIGNATED LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL  
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING  
Minutes  
February 10, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Lori Blackburn, Wende Cooper, Michelle DeGagne, Pat Law, Julianna Pestretto, Michele Psutka, Courtney Sims, Steven Vernale, Sandra Yost

Michele Psutka confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES**

**ON A MOTION BY** Julianna Pestretto, seconded by Michele Psutka, the Board voted to approve the minutes of January 13, 2016 as written.

**YOUTH COUNSELOR REPORT:**

- The round table series has begun with three to five parents in attendance each night.
- The middle school suicide prevention workshop had a group of 15 in attendance, which included parents and kids. The workshop for the high school is scheduled for the end of the month but may be cancelled due to lack of interest.
- Safe Dates is scheduled for the end of March but there has been very little interest so far.
- Ms. Cox will present the adult suicide prevention workshop next Tuesday evening and the following Saturday at Valley Brook Church. This is a collaboration of the area churches.
- The GO winter session is currently running. Some elements of Girls Circle and Boys Council are being introduced, which include low key discussions and activities that explore gender and culture.

**YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL REPORT:**

- In Ms. Cox' absence, no report was given.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Due to his absence from the meeting, Mark McDermott sent the following message:

- The Board of Selectmen has agreed to hear a presentation from the YSB at their March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- Mark knows an individual who is an ex-drug dealer who is willing to answer any questions the board may have. He would do this through a questionnaire developed by the board.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Julianna Pestretto received her reappointment letter.
- Pastor Al has not responded to the request he submit a letter of resignation.

### **OTHER**

- The zombie run had originally been proposed by a student as a fundraiser and a positive activity for youth. The student has since graduated and the run was cancelled due to a lack of individuals to commit to the process needed for a successful event.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Michelle DeGagne, seconded by Steve Vernale, the bureau voted (8-0-0) to adjourn at 4:15 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on March 9, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane  
Recording Secretary