

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD  
AND  
DESIGNATED LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL  
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING  
Minutes  
May 13, 2015**

**PRESENT:** AnnMarie Cox, Michelle DeGagne, Michele Psutka, Courtney Sims, Steve Vernale

Michelle Psutka confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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

**ON A MOTION BY** Michelle DeGagne, seconded by Courtney Sims, the Board voted (5-0-0) to accept the minutes of April 8, 2015 as written.

**YOUTH COUNSELOR/YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL REPORT:**

- Ms. Cox attended a two day conference in Stamford: Facilitators for Council on Boys and Young Men, which dealt with the stereotypes on being a boy in today's world.
- The zombie run will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup>, with a "dangerous weather" date of November 1<sup>st</sup>. Flyers were given to board members to distribute to any group, business, family, neighborhood, etc. that may be interested in sponsoring the run by volunteering time not donating money. Because there is so much to do, the event cannot be held without assistance. Once people are committed to help, registration will begin.
- Presently, there is a waiting list for counseling services.
- A new intern will start in September.

**YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL REPORT:**

- The 6th grade dance will be held this Friday. The proceeds fund a scholarship at the high school.
- By school year 2018-2019, sixth graders will be back at the middle school. As a result, there will no longer be a sixth grade dance and the YSB will need to look at other means to fund the scholarship.
- Presently in the process of recruiting two new YAC members for the fall; a boy and a girl currently in the eighth grade. Two other freshmen will begin YAC at the end of next school year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Next Thursday at noon, either Bob Gilbert or Pat Law will go to Southington to listen to the asset training for teachers. The training is held once a year and lasts two hours. Anyone on the council is invited to attend.

- Julianna Pestretto presented the Read to Feed program to the middle school. Julianna and others will present the program to the elementary school. The kids get people to make a pledge for each book they read and the money is donated to Heifer International.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A program for the middle school open choice kids and their friends, Explore Granby, is held on Friday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The group walks to the park from the Youth Services building and then walks back to get the bus. The program runs every Friday through the month of May.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Michelle DeGagne, seconded by Courtney Sims, the bureau voted (5-0-0) to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. Please note the Board does not meet in June and July.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane  
Recording Secretary