

**TOWN OF GRANBY
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD
AND
DESIGNATED LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING
Minutes
September 9, 2015**

PRESENT: Lori Blackburn, AnnMarie Cox, Michelle DeGagne, Jennifer Kertanis, Pat Law, Julianna Pestretto, Michele Psutka, Daphne Shinder, Kat Volikas, Steve Vernale, Sandy Yost

Michelle Psutka confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

- Lori Blackburn noted that she was not at the last meeting. She was listed as present and as having made a motion to reschedule the zombie run.
- Laura Matheos was not listed as having been in attendance and her comments were attributed to Lori Blackburn.
- The vote to reschedule the zombie run was omitted. AnneMarie Cox commented that the vote was unanimous.

ON A MOTION BY Lori Blackburn, seconded by Michele Psutka, the Board voted (7-0-0) to accept the minutes of August 12, 2015 as corrected.

YOUTH COUNSELOR/YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL REPORT:

- Ms. Cox noted that the transition with Ms. Kielbasa's retirement has gone smoothly and the grant reports have been filed.
- Registration for fall programs has begun.
- A new intern and practicum student are on board and will assist with WOW and East Granby programs.
- The next "Explore Granby" program begins next Friday and runs through October.
- The first volume of the Youth Services quarterly newsletter was sent on September 1st. In the first two days, it was viewed by over 500 people.

YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL REPORT:

- The first meeting of the year is next Wednesday. A public relations committee will be created. Students will be assigned to bring information to various boards (Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, YSB, etc.) and bring information back.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ms. Cox would like to get a group of adults and students who would be responsible for the zombie run and have committee planning meetings. If the 6th grade is moved back to the middle school due to the restructuring of the schools, there will no longer be a 6th grade dance. As a result, YAC could then take on the zombie run. Ms. Yost expressed her concern regarding the lack of the enthusiasm by the Board regarding the zombie run. Michele Psutka suggested getting juniors involved as they will be around in the fall. Julianne Pestretto suggested getting in touch with the National Honor Society as they will be looking for a service project. Ms. Yost commented she also has some concerns about holding the event in the fall. There is a lot of momentum in the spring, there is a break for the summer and when individuals reconvene in the fall, the event comes up fast.
- As a result of the visit to Southington's STEPS program last spring, Ms. Cox will be meeting with Pat Law to discuss some of the ideas that came up and how they can be incorporated into the schools. Jennifer Kertanis suggested YAC could integrate some of the common language in what they do.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Daphne Shinder, seconded by Julianna Pestretto, the bureau voted (7-0-0) to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary