

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU  
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING  
Minutes  
March 13, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Donna Snyder, Chairman; AnneMarie Cox, Kerry Kielbasa, Laura Matheos, Mark McDermott, Heather Munafo, Chief Rosenswieg, Shirley Ryan, Daphne Shinder, Captain Tyler

Chairman Donna Snyder confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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

**ON A MOTION BY** AnneMarie Cox, seconded by Donna Snyder, the Board voted (4-0-0) to accept the minutes of February 13, 2013 as written. It should be noted that Mark McDermott, Heather Munafo, Shirley Ryan and Daphne Shinder arrived after approval of the minutes.

**GRANBY PREVENTION COUNCIL UPDATE:**

- The GPC is preparing for the silent auction to be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- There was a Wellness Day for freshmen held at the high school during CAPT week. This was a collaboration between the school and the YSB. Captain Tyler and Ms. Cox attended the event.
- The fundraiser "Who's Smarter than a Granby Student", will be held next fall.

**YOUTH COUNSELOR REPORT:**

- Ms. Cox is the community liaison for the Sharing to Learn program in which donated items are shipped to South Africa. YAC will hold a collection of crayons and books at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade dance on Friday. They will also do a curb side collection on an upcoming Saturday or Sunday. Items to be collected include used books, textbooks, usable art supplies, microscopes, sports equipment and shoes. The GEC will pay for the pod that will be on school grounds.
- Ms. Cox is working with Holcomb Farm to support them with their summer employment program for 14, 15 and 16 year olds who will work on resume writing, leadership skills, etc. Parents pay for their child to attend. Ms. Cox is writing a grant for the site supervisor for this year only. The program will be piloted this year to determine the budget for next year.
- The interviews for interns have ended. One intern is accepted so far and another is pending. There will be two full-time interns and one who will only be available in the evening.
- GO (Guys Only) group will be held this spring and again during the summer.
- The curriculum for Love & Logic has been purchased. It is a co-parenting group for parents who are divorcing.

- There is a mini-grant for Connect training which is a suicide prevention program. More information to come.

### **YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL:**

- The 6<sup>th</sup> grade dance is this Friday.
- The “Tolerance Zone” program at the middle school is continuing. There will be a presentation at Wells & Kelly for 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Ms. Cox will get an update for the next meeting regarding the biodegradable lunch trays.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Donna Snyder reported that administrators feel a late bus isn’t necessary but they did give permission to survey middle school parents and students to determine where or if it’s needed.
- John Adams presented the budget at the budget hearing last night. The budgets were combined into one under social services. There is a proposed \$7,000 increase to make up for grant fall-off.
- The police department is asking for another officer who would serve as both a detective and a youth services officer. A youth officer would serve as a liaison between the schools and the police department in order to make a positive connection and create a relationship.
- The connections with East Granby are building. Ms. Cox started a group at Seymour School this week and the interns provide counseling. The survey results will be reviewed in April.
- The survey will be conducted at the middle school and high school in the spring. The Department of Health wanted to conduct another survey at the same time. Alan Addley felt that if the students took two surveys at once, they wouldn’t take one of them seriously and it would affect validity.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Donna Snyder would like to create a sub-committee to begin discussing “Are you Smarter than a Granby Student?” She will serve on the committee, along with Daphne Shinder, AnneMarie Cox and Mark McDermott.
- Ms. Cox brought up the event, Shattered Dreams, in which a mock car accident is created with community involvement, i.e. lifestar, police department, etc. It is a lot of work and something that may want to be considered in the future.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Shirley Ryan, seconded by AnneMarie Cox, the bureau voted (8-0-0) to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on April 10, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane  
Recording Secretary