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# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

131 Cedar Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

## Department of Human Services

### Youth-Adult Council

Paulina Colon – Chairperson

Tim Cunningham-Co-Chair



Karen Futoma  
Director

**Monday, May 9, 2016**  
**Conference Rm. 117 (near Town Manager's office)**

### Minutes

In attendance: Karen Futoma, Tim Cunningham, Enzo Zocco, Rik Huggard, Ashley Cayo, Molly Rusgrove, Austin Matteson, and Emily Guion

- I. Call to Order
  
- II. Approval of March 14, 2016 minutes: Minutes were approved
  
- III. Review Hoopla results:
  - a. Consistant loss of revenue, participants, and attendance over the course of the last two years. Due to location and inherent lateness of event.
  - b. Other considerations for next year would be the revival of the informational flier sent to the school principals as well as moving the concessions to the foyer in order to increase concession sales.
  - c. Idea to possible move event to a Saturday. Dates propsed in order of preference- March 11th and March 4th.
    - i. Provides potential to increase revenue through more food sales as well as increased patronage.
    - ii. Emily Guion and Ashley Cayo both respectively offered services to support the future Hoopla including DJ and Pizza catering.
  - d. Possible problems may include the Boys' Basketball Season next year and potential hosting of a a tournament game. Also using a Saturday would require the hiring of a Custodial staff for the day but the council would be willing to offset the cost if it increased revenue.
    - . Hoopla would revert back to a Friday evening then listed in order of preference: March 10th, March 24th, and March 3rd.
    - i. March 17th is not fesable due to St. Patrick's Day celebration.
  
- IV. Announce scholarship recipients/amounts
  - a. Officer Tim Cunningham he will announce the recipients at next month's meeting
  - b. Money raised for 3 \$500.00 scholarships as previously allocated.
  - c. Recipients will be awarded on May 26th at the Scholarship Night.
  
- V. Review and approve mini grant applications
  - a. Not enough attendance in order to reach quorum to vote upon approval of the one application.
  - b. All schools were provided the opprotunity to apply for the scholarship and also reminded. The only school to turn in an application was Anna Reynolds Elementary.

- c. The project includes using the funds in order to construct “Buddy Benches” in order to make the recess atmosphere more inclusive and social-able for the students there.
- i. Project has already begun with fundraising efforts already conducted by the school.
- ii. Questions arose as to whether the project was youth driven or adult oriented.
- iii. .
- d. Proposal will be voted upon at a special meeting in June.
- e. Questions arose as to whether or not to extend the deadline for the proposals into the fall.
- . Will be decided at a special meeting in June.

## **VI. Reports**

- a. Youth
  - i. Student Council participated in Relay for Life along with many non affiliated youth.
  - ii. Spring Sports prepare for their States’ Tournaments.
  - iii. Graduation is June 10th along with May being a busy month for Student Recognition with the Scholar’s Breakfast, Scholarship Night, NHS Awards Ceremony, Honors Society Inductions, and many more ceremonies.
  - iv. John Wallace Middle School participated in the Earth Day cleanup as well as their Student Council walked in the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk.
    - b. Police
      - . Three officers participated in a Crisis Intervention course with the Human Services Department.
    - c. School Administration
      - . High School used the money granted from the Youth Adult Council to provide the Prom Promise and IMPACT programs for the Juniors and Seniors.
    - i. Senior Prom is May 20th.
    - d. Board of Education
      - . New budget calls for drastic cutbacks to School programs such as the “Gifted Program” at the middle school level.
    - i. Townwide Art Show is occurring in the Board Education section of Town hall with many great youth submissions of work.
    - ii. There will be a Strategic Planning Meeting Friday evening.
      - e. Human Services
        - . Department will be sponsoring a Heroin and Opium Substance Abuse Panel and Q&A session.
          - 1. Department yearns to hold more in the future focusing on such topics as Executive functioning or safe teen dating.
    - i. There is an Eagle Project set up to make additions to the Yurt.
    - ii. Due to the new budget cuts 67% of Counseling and Contracting Funds have been retracted.
      - 1. Also waiting to hear about State fund cuts but have not heard back yet due to the lack of a finalized budget.

## **VII. Other Business: None**

## **VIII. Public Comment: None**

## **IX. Adjournment: 8:05 pm**