

## North Reading Youth Services Committee Meeting

Date/Time: Monday, November 23, 2015 6:00pm

Location: North Reading Town Hall, Room 10

Committee Members Present	Committee Members Absent	Guests/Visitors Present
Peter Majane, Chair	Roseann Ventmiglia	Amy Luckiewicz, Youth Services Director
Frank Ferraro, Vice Chair	Samantha Miller	Michael Downs, High School Vice Princ.
Tracy Helms, Secretary	Kathy Dardeno	
Leslie Schultz	Alex May	
Karen Buscemi		
Sandy Garniss		
Judy Hall		

Chairmen Peter Majane called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

1. **Visit with High School Vice Principal Michael Downs.** The meeting began with Peter Majane welcoming and introducing Michael Downs, Vice Principal of the North Reading High School. Next Amy Luckiewicz welcomed Michael and asked him to introduce himself to the committee. Michael introduced himself and gave an overview of his personal background. Next, he shared his views and strategies/approach with the students. Amy asked how Youth Services can assist the High School with any activities or presentations whether it be by funding programs or other support. Michael indicated he would think about this and follow up with Amy. Amy also requested that with any students that may need assistance to please recommend or refer them her way. There was an opportunity for discussion amongst the committee with Michael. Michael left the meeting after this segment.
2. **Minutes Review** – October 2015 minutes were reviewed and accepted unanimously.
3. **Financial Report** – The report was distributed and reviewed by Amy. Current balance is \$5,487.06. The committee had no questions.
4. **Participation Report** – Middle School Youth Group had 20 students in attendance; High School Youth Group attendance was minimal. Early Act had 9 students. The first early release day activity had 25 students participate. The next early release day activity will be gingerbread decorating.
5. **Social Services Report – Social Services Report:** Amy shared that all of the incidents this month were mental health related. There were seven calls.
6. **Budget Development** - The Town Administrator asked for level services. Amy's salary had a budget increase this year, however, she has not yet received this. The committee asked if there was anything we could assist with or anyone we could speak to to assist with this. Amy will be sending to the committee the draft of the budget report for review within the next week. She would like to put in a request for tuition reimbursement again.
7. **CIT Update** - Amy gave an update on the following:
  - Trusted Adult – There was a great turnout at the School Committee meeting.
  - Dr. Falzone – Amy along with another student will be presenting Dr. Falzone's presentation to the Middle School because Dr. Falzone has personal time conflicts at this time. Amy wants to add in the survey responses obtained into the presentation. This is still in the process of creation.
  - Plan with Chief Murphy – Amy met with Chief Murphy to discuss upcoming proposed education programming. Amy distributed petition for the committee's participation in collecting signatures to support the Tobacco 21 initiative in North Reading (to change the legal smoking age from 18 to 21).
8. **Old Business:** Amy shared on the Reality Fair that she has proposed to Superintendent Bernard. The meeting went well. Mr. Bernard has submitted this proposal to Mr. Loprete, the Principal at the high school, for his review with no response yet being received. Frank inquired as to how many 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from the youth services group moved on to the high school last year and how many of those were now part of the high school youth services group. Amy indicated all who were part of the program last year have continued on at the high school, that being seven students. Frank is concerned with the low attendance and participation at the high school level, as is Amy.

9. **New Business:** Amy shared on Keeping Kids Safe program as she has a desire to begin teaching. This is the parent education piece on abuse prevention. This is a difficult class; Amy has been asked to become a trainer for this. Amy is requesting funding from an anonymous donor for the curriculum. Amy became trained to be a trainer for the Family Nurturing Program. This is a therapy group and is a science-based program. It is a 16-week commitment. Frank brought to the attention of the committee that three committee members have terms that are due to expire in December of 2015. Peter and Amy confirmed that of the three, Roseann is the only member who will not continuing on for a new term.

There was a motion made, seconded, voted on and unanimously accepted for the December 2015 Youth Services meeting to be conducted via e-mail with Amy producing an agenda/update report for the committee's review. The minutes for the November meeting will also be distributed via e-mail to the committee for their review and will be approved at the January meeting. No votes may be taken via e-mail.

The next in-person meeting to be held on Monday, January 25 due to the Martin Luther King holiday unless otherwise noted. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next meeting in person: Monday, January 25, 2016 6:00pm, Room 10. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Documents/Handouts	
Financial Report	Social Services Report
Participation Report	

January 25, 2016

Minutes Approved on Date

Peter A. Majane

Peter Majane, Committee Chair