

## North Reading Youth Services Committee Meeting

**Date/Time:** Monday, February 22, 2021/ 6:00 pm      **Location:** Zoom - Teleconference

Committee Members Present		Committee Members Absent	Guests/Visitors Present
Peter Majane, Chair	Amy DiChiara	Frank Ferraro	Jennifer Ford, Y.S. Director
Danielle Masterson, Co-Chair	Patty Harrington	Christy Damphousse	Sean Killeen, Asst Superintendent, NRPS
Deborah Mahoney, Secretary	Jodi Sponzo		
Jason Slattery	Yan Huang		
Leslie Schultz			

**Chair Peter Majane called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.**

**1. Welcome Assistant Superintendent Sean Killeen.** Chair Peter Majane welcomed Sean Killeen, Assistant Superintendent, North Reading Public Schools. Mr. Killeen shared a presentation "Getting Better Everyday" and P.A.U.S.E (Public Awareness & Understanding of Social Education) Update. The three areas of focus for the school year 2020-2021 are: Health & Wellness Self Care, Social Justice & Equity, and Social & Emotional Learning. Committee members asked questions/provided comments on pooled testing, teachers, acknowledged the great job being done in NR schools, YS Committees willingness to assist if needed, and the virtual reality fair.

**2. Review of January Minutes.** January 25, 2021 minutes were reviewed and accepted.

**3. Financial Report:** YS Director Jennifer Ford stated that there has been no change in finances since last month. There were no expenditures this past month.

**4. Participation Report:** YS Director Jen Ford stated that she continues to run youth programs and is also involved in other community programs assisting as needed. There was a discussion of possibilities to use Zoom as a platform as a way to reach a wider population even when the pandemic is over.

**5. Social Services Report:** YS Director Jen Ford continues to have a lot of conversations on socialization and mental health. Even when students are at school their experience is impacted because of all the restrictions. A lot of people who never struggled in the past are now struggling. We need to continue to support each other. Real life struggles are still happening along with COVID. YS Director Jen Ford and member Amy DiChiara shared their experience helping with COVID vaccination clinics greeting and talking with seniors.

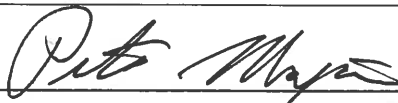
**6. Old Business:** No old business was discussed.

**7. New Business:** YS Director Jen Ford shared the Virtual Reality Fair documents with the committee prior to the meeting. It will be given to the high school to share with Seniors and Juniors. Committee members provided comments and had a discussion on its content and how to encourage participation. After it is shared with the HS the goal will be to post it on the YS website and social media. YS Director Jen Ford is also looking to create simple information sessions on financial topics to occasionally share with students.

**Next meeting:** March 22, 2021      **Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.**

Documents/Handouts	
January 2021 Minutes	

March 22, 2021  
Minutes Approved on Date

  
Peter Majane, Committee Chair