

## North Reading Youth Services Committee Meeting

**Date/Time:** Monday, January 25, 2021, 6:00 pm

**Location:** Zoom - Teleconference

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

**Chair Peter Majane called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.**

**1. Review of Previous Minutes:** December 21, 2020 minutes were reviewed and accepted.

**2. Financial Report:** YS Director Jennifer Ford stated that there has been no change in finances since last month since virtual programming does not cost anything. There were no expenditures this past month.

**3. Participation Report:** In six months of FY21 the number of youth served has already exceeded total FY20 numbers.

- Language Program update by Danielle Masterson, Flint Memorial Library: The HS International club will teach French and Spanish classes once a month since the December lessons were successful. The HS students are doing all the work and the classes are teaching language as well as some culture. To date 22 youth have signed up for the class next week including a 5 year old.
- Pen Pal program. Chair Peter Majane stated that Rotary clubs are also participating in a pen pal program. YS Director Jennifer Ford had not heard of pen pal clubs before starting this one but she has always worked with seniors so thought it would be a great idea during COVID. Writing letters is a good skill for all involved, specifically, pertaining to mental health.

#### **4. Social Services Report:**

- YS Director Jennifer Ford continues to have a lot of conversations and there are a lot of people struggling during these times. She relays to all that none of this is normal, it is new for everyone, and we have nothing to compare it to. Self-care is stressed in all conversations.
- Board of Health has not called on the assistance of YS Director Jennifer Ford for contract tracing recently.
- YS Director Jennifer Ford is working closely with the school system on social justice and diversity. She had offline conversations with Assistant Superintendent Mr. Killeen about these topics and is excited to work with the schools. YS Director Jennifer Ford continues to participate with PAUSE and is a member of the Social Justice Subcommittee. She is excited to work with school administration and teachers to further this agenda.
- YS Director Jennifer Ford is chair of the Coalition.

**5. Old Business:** Frank Ferro, as the longest serving member, welcomed the two new members to the Youth Services committee.

**6. New Business:** All reappointed members will need to take an Ethics course which will be sent out electronically this year.

There was a discussion of COVID pool testing at the school. NRPS has explored this but it is not yet initiated.

The board members had a discussion of school and how parents and youth are dealing with the hybrid learning model.

**Next meeting:** February 22, 2021    **Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.**

Documents/Handouts	
December 2020 Minutes	FY21 Social Services Tracker
FY2022 Youth Services Budget Narrative	

February 22, 2021  
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Minutes Approved on Date

  
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Peter Majane, Committee Chair