

Somers Youth Services Advisory Board Minutes-DRAFT

May 10, 2023 @ 4:30pm

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Matthew Cox at 4:38

Members Present: Matthew Cox, Colleen Meier, Aiden Matthews, Taylor Setzler, Renata Bowers.

Absent: Joe Radziewicz, Cadence Bidwell, Craig Jones, Ed DePeau, Brian Langan.

- Financial Update
 - Spending the budget down gradually, making wise choices
 - Setting up programming for the summer
 - Drug-free Communities Grant: located a consultant to help look through data and choose appropriate targets
 - Submitted mid-year report, has been accepted
- New Staffing
 - Matthew Cox
- Program Updates and Next Steps
 - Girls on the Run: wrapping up. 5K is this weekend. 9 girls participated.
 - Girls on the Run Camp in August
 - Youth Adventure Program is available per referral for 8 kids. 6 registered. Middle and High School ages. Every Wednesday in the Summer, starting June 21.
 - Working on developing new programs, possibly after-school programming for homework.
 - DCF has mandated SYS take all truancy referrals, still working on refining this process. Only getting them presently from the middle school. HS and Elementary need to be made more aware of referring them to SYS.
 - Youth Leadership. Presently 10 meetings total. Focusing on looking at student surveys, planning an open house for parents to view student survey results. Possible CPR training. Things will slow down over the summer. Colleen's husband is a CPR trainer. Possible conference for future prevention leaders.
 - Looking at how all departments and community organizations can work together better to understand family/home needs and find unique ways of meeting those needs.
- New Business
 - Looking to offer an East Boards program to engage kids who don't have after-school activities in more social/emotional activities through technology. Available for all ages and abilities.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10.