

## Somers Youth Services Advisory Board Minutes-DRAFT

January 11, 2023 @ 4:30pm

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Allison Maynard at 4:33.

No Motion to approve November minutes... no quorum present

Members Present: Allison Maynard, Brian Langan, Aiden Matthews, Craig Jones, Taylor Setzler, Renata Bowers.

Absent: Colleen Meier, Joe Radziewicz, Cadence Bidwell, Ed DePeau

- Staffing Update
  - Taylor Setzler is introduced as the new Prevention Coordinator! Welcome, Taylor!
- Mentorship Program
  - Start has been delayed. Aiden continues to work through training and compiling the handbook of resources. Plan is to start recruiting for mentors in the Summer and start the program in the Fall.
- Youth Leadership Council
  - Approximately fifteen kids are currently interested in being part of the Youth Council. Aiden conducting interviews. Meeting tomorrow evening to get started. Heavy 8<sup>th</sup>-grader participation. Could use more high school representation.
  - Survey was conducted today in the schools from 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade to begin to get an idea of the climate in our schools. DFC funding made this possible. Preliminary numbers show that more than 90% of students participated, no one opted out.
  - A group of students at both the HS and MS created an informational video to show to all students, explaining what the survey is for and how it will be used.
- Mailer to Household
  - SYS has moneys to send out a Mailer to households... what might the content of that mailer best be? Considering ideas.
  - Possibly an outline of services provided by SYS, along with contact information, note from Tim Keeney.
- Spring/Summer Programming
  - Continuing to offer Girls on the Run this year – 4<sup>th</sup> season – run by Aiden and Taylor. Will try to get the middle school involved this year, along with elementary.
  - Will run Voices program again for middle school girls.
  - Will run Youth Adventure again – hopefully including HS students.
  - Planning to offer Safe Sitter and Safe at Home again this year.
  - Craig Jones brought up idea of offering a Bike Safety clinic (Bike Rodeo).
- Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Allison Maynard at 5:15.