

Somers Youth Services Advisory Board Minutes-DRAFT

November 8, 2023 @ 4:30pm

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Matthew Cox at 5:01

Members Present: Matthew Cox, Cadence Bidwell, Colleen Meier, Renata Bowers, Brian Langan, Ed DePeau

Absent: Craig Jones, Joe Radziewicz, Aiden Matthews, Taylor Setzler

DCF Funding was approved. DFC funding has been received.

Girls On The Run successful program, meeting twice a week.

Safe Sitter is a training program that includes CPR, to prepare youth for babysitting safely.

CPR certification class for youth in town took place a few weeks ago.

Teen Center. Looking to utilize the Somers Public Library to turn the teen room into a new Teen Center. Idea has been presented; waiting to hear back.

Drug Free Communities – ready to graduate in January.

- Interviewing for new Coordinator
- Youth Leadership Council going well
- Operation Parent Handbooks are going home to all school households, via mail. Parents are being asked to respond to a survey to determine success of program and contents of handbooks.
- Adult Community Survey is being delivered via postcard to every household in Somers, to gain greater understanding of perceptions within the community.

Looking for input regarding regularity and day/time for Advisory Board meetings. Craig suggested meeting once every two months; Matthew agreed this could work well. Matthew would prefer more Advisory member input with regards to what things to discuss/pursue for the youth of our town.

Holiday Toy Drive is happening again this year. Stuff a Cruiser will take place. The Story Barn will also be a drop off spot in conjunction with their December 9th event.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renata Bowers