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Madison Youth and Family Services Board  
Minutes from October 4, 2016

In attendance: D. Buller, T. Doina, L. Herdle, A. Kaplan, A. Symonds, P. Fahey, Sgt. J. Yorke, N. Wiles  
Staff: S. Cochran, S. Clarke  
Absent: K. Dess, S. Hoffman, K. Rossini, A. Murphy, J. Walker, J. Ulstad, Captain J. Race, J. Walker, S. Wheeler, L. Castrilli

**I. Chairperson's Comments**

Dave Buller called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Introductions were made.

**II. Citizen's Comments**

None

**III. Approval of September 6, 2016 minutes**

Motion to approve the September, 2016 minutes was made by L. Herdle and seconded by A. Symonds. Motion approved and accepted.

**IV. Correspondence**

- Thank you note from Madison Community Services Board for the 400 pounds of food and \$80.00 that the community service students collected.
- Thank you note from Jen Bruciati for the board's thank you gift for her time as student representative on the board.

**V. Treasurer's Report**

- Art reminded everyone that he is still collecting \$20 from each board member for the Sunshine Fund. He currently has \$80 in account.

**VI. Budget Update**

- The state grants have been allocated this year and Madison received \$25,022 from the main SDE grant and \$6,250 for the enhancement grant. This is a \$978 loss from last year, but a much smaller loss than originally expected with state cuts in the budget. Students went to the Capitol to speak with our representatives and letters were written on our behalf to make sure they knew the importance of this money for our agency's programs. November and December board meetings will be heavily dedicated to the budget.

**VII. Staff Presentation**

Scott gave an overview of MYFS staff. Photos and a flow chart of staff were handed out. It helped the board to better understand what we do, who does what and the overlap and collaboration amongst the different departments. The powerpoint presentation will be sent out to all board members for future reference.

**VIII. Student Report**

- SAT's were on Saturday.
- PSAT's in 2 weeks for freshman and sophomores.
- First pep rally went well. Lost first football game. No incidents reported at either.
- LEAD will run Paw groups to introduce what LEAD is and to recruit members who want to create social change.
- Suicide Prevention Awareness Event was held on Saturday. The event included over 60 kids. Three speakers, beads representing support were handed out, student band played, therapy dogs, bagels from Cohens and Literature/resources. A great turnout for a first time event. Future events are in the works for this important topic.

**IX. Youth Stress Task Force Report-David Buller and Art Symonds**

- None. Haven't met. Needs to be parent lead. This can be tabled until further notice.

**X. Update on the Strategic Plan Presentations**

- Scott presented the Strategic Plan (a five year plan) to the Admin Council (All the principals, Tom Scarice and Liz Battaglia.) It was well received. Scott will follow-up with a Google Docs presentation on the survey results and local conditions.

**XI. Directors Report**

- Staffing Update- Pending approval at next BOS meeting on 10/11/16, Katie Volz has accepted the Youth Development Worker position. Wendy and Lou Anne's reclassified positions are on track to be completed by January.
- Facilities Update- Awaiting contractor for basement to see what best option for floor. Security needs to be discussed for current location. Tabled until November so more time can be dedicated to options. Renovating and/or moving office is still being discussed. MYFS has money in their capital improvement budget for said renovations. Further discussions to be had with board and town.
- Fall Initiatives Update- An awareness campaign on Suicide Prevention and Stress/Anxiety is planned. 116 flags representing the number of students at DHHS who attempted suicide according to survey data to be purchased and coordinating billboard to be designed for this awareness campaign. Also, a Hide in Plain Site event is also in the works. This is a program where a youth's room is put together in a public place and drugs/paraphernalia are hidden to educate parents in the community what to look for and signs of trouble. Also planning on presenting a poster and plaque to the MPD and participating in Trunk or Treat on the green.
- Board Feedback- Briefly discussed Director's Report and what the board would like to get out of it. Graphs and or tables comparing year to year were suggested. Tabled until November so more time can be dedicated to discussion.

**XII. Friends of Madison Youth – Joe Walker**

- The Arts Barn is planning on donating the skate park equipment to the town. Discussion of building a skate park at the Surf Club is in the works.
- Looking to have a digital media production program in collaboration with Madison Public Access TV. It will be called "Unfocused" so they can cover a wide range of topics.

**XIII. Adjourn**

- D. Buller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm. L.Herdle seconded the motion. Motion carried.