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Madison Youth and Family Services Board  
Minutes from February 14, 2017

In Attendance: D. Buller, K. Dess, T. Doina, L. Herdle, K. Rossini, A. Symonds, N. Wiles, A. Murphy,  
P. Fahey, Officer York, Joe Walker, P. Davies, B. Xeller.  
Staff: S. Cochran, L. Castrilli, D. Cornwell.  
Absent: S. Bungiro, J. Ulstad, S. Wheeler

I. Chairperson's Comments

- Chairperson welcomed everyone. Steve Phillipone is a new member of the MYFS Board but he could not be here tonight

II. Citizen's Comments

- None

III. Approval of January 3, 2017 minutes

- Motion to approve the January 3, 2017 minutes was made by L. Herdle and seconded by T. Doina. Motion passed.

IV. Correspondence

- Peer Advocate Affirmations- Affirmations by Peer Advocates to Melissa Balletto, leader.

V. Treasurer's Report – Art Symonds

- None

VI. Staff Presentation: Peg Butler, Youth Development Coordinator and Derek Cornwell, Youth Development Coordinator

Derek gave Peg's report. She could not attend the meeting.

- Allies group is in its fourth year. It is a leadership program at Brown School where they team up with SWAG, which is a special ed group of students to help with life skills.
- Peer Helpers are doing a new project this year called Lifeline and Katie Volz, new employee does a Mindfulness exercise with the students before each meeting.
- Derek has been very busy. Safe Rides program has given 40 rides since Jan. and 90 passengers. Last year Safe Rides gave 23 rides all year. There is a strong Core Group at the High School and new adult volunteers. Safe Rides shifts run from 10:00 pm – 1:30 am on Friday and Saturday. There was a discussion on the anonymity of the program. The discussion was tabled until a later meeting.
- Perspectives group is doing a new program this year called Life Hacks where they are having small group conversation.
- Peer Advocate training group met today. This is group number 118 since the beginning of Peer Advocates.

- LEAD is addressing data from the survey and met jointly with BOE/BOS to discuss stress and pressure they are seeing.
- PAW groups in the High School are educating the students on life skills.
- Breathe Week-a stress relief week at school will be the week of Feb. 27 to help students with stress relief during exams.
- March 2 is a panel for parents of high school students discussing pressures they see at school. It will be held at Polson Middle School from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

VII. Discussion of upcoming events

- Budget presentation February 22 at 5:30 - Scott would like to have as many staff members and board members to attend the meeting as possible.
- March/April Events – March 2, Panel discussion for parents, April 5, roundtable discussion on drug trends with school and police, Presentation of “Hidden in Plain Sight”, traveling exhibit of an average teenager’s bedroom, 7 – 9 pm at Town Campus. May event—will be collaborating with “Stand Up and Speak Out” community awareness event/fundraiser.
- Board/Staff dinner- we are looking at April or May for dinner then a board meeting. Discussion about having the board meeting first and then the dinner. More to follow.

VIII. Student Report

- Meeting with Mr. Salutari. He would like to offer a course for upcoming seniors on preparing college applications, during the summer.
- April 4, there will be a drunk driving simulation assembly at DHHS.
- LEAD Panel discussion – March 2, Polson Auditorium 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
- New Diversity Club at school
- Staff is trying to fit a free period into classes for all students.
- Course selection has began for students for the next school year .
- Juniors are meeting with guidance and working on their college essays.

IX. Report on Current FY Budget

- Scott went over the MYFS budget, see attached.

X. Director’s Report:

- Collaboration with MPS , working with MPS with Emotional Wellness Committee. Piloting a mindfulness group in the elementary schools to manage stress.
- Facilities Update – cleaning out and grading the basement. Met with Tom McDonald to discuss our needs for space.

XI. Friends of Madison Youth – Joe Walker

- FOMY is partnering with the Grove School for a presentation at the Arts Barn.

XII. Board feedback and/or questions

- None

XIII. Adjourn

- Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.