

Colchester Youth & Social Services

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Youth Services Advisory Board/Youth FIRST Coalition Wednesday, May 1, 2019 - 5:00pm

Voting members present, Lorraine Marvin, Linda Bromley, Ofc Rob Suchecki, Jacquelyn Rose, Elizabeth Allard, Christos Stravoravtis, Pam Scheibelein

Members Absent: Linda Bromley, Heide Perham, Russ Melmed

Others present: Valerie Geato, Chris Bennett, BOS Liaison Denise Mizla, BOE Liaison Amy Domeika, Christine Miskell

- 1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman called the meeting began at 5:00 PM
- 2. Approve 3/6/19 Minutes and 4/3/19 Minutes: R. Suchecki motioned to approve March and April minutes. Seconded by Elizabeth Allard
- 3. Public Comments: None
- 4. New Business
 - A. None
- 5. Old Business:
 - A. Community Wellness Fair Recap provided by V. Geato
 - B. Summer Kick Off: Thursday, June 13th from 11:40-2:30pm. Set up should begin at 10am if we can share space with the PTO. A commitment by a minimum of 30 volunteers is needed by May 8th in order to hold the Summer Kick-Off. Possible volunteers include: PTO, Middle School Moms Facebook page, & other community Members. Rob would prefer that there be no water element. Chris wants to buy a dunk tank. Ben & Jerry's came to the last Kick-Off for free. It was decided that we will hold the kick off in the cafeteria & on the patio outside of the cafe. The 8th grade picnic will be held in the gym and on the patio on the gym's opposite side. If possible, we can combine with the picnic so the students can use our inflatables and we can share the space. Tickets can be \$10 for middle schoolers and \$5 for fifth graders since they spend less time at the event. Betsy would like to hold a coin wars style fundraiser to nominate a teacher to go into the dunk tank.
 - i. Christos and Betsy can volunteer
 - ii. Rob cannot commit because of BA Graduation
 - iii. Pam is moving on the 10th-she's a maybe

- c. Other: Youth Leadership Award: Kylie Fontaine recommended Lilly Wonderly. Elizabeth Allard read Kylie's recommendation letter. Elizabeth proposed a \$250 gift card to her campus bookstore. Motion was seconded by Christos. An invitation needs to be sent to Lilly to receive the award at the June meeting.
- 6. Local Prevention Council Initiatives
 - A. Survey Results/ Next Steps no discussion
- 7. Next Agenda:
 - A. Summer Kick off
 - B. Youth Leadership Award
 - C. Summer meeting to discuss LPC initiative and by law review
- 8. Motion to Adjourn by Rob Suchecki: Adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm. Seconded by Lorraine Marvin.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Geato