



Youth Services Advisory Board Meeting
April Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2023, from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Members in Attendance: Patty Van de Bogart, Marley Thomson, Ian Schachner, Marnie Kirchgessner, Jennifer Foote-Dean, Lisa Monroe, Pat Buechel, Randy Brown, Khaki Wunderlich, and Susie Gutenberger-Fitzpatrick

Members not in Attendance: Mike Jordan, Kate Kelley-Mackenzie, Ruth Merle-Doyle, Susan Ainslie, Leonardo Vargas-Mendez, and Becky Koenig.

Staff: Rick Alvord, and Kate Shanks-Booth

Guest(s): Indira Clairborne

Welcome - Meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm

Items to be voted on: We did not have quorum so we could not vote on these.

- October 22' Minutes, November 22' Minutes, January 23' Minutes, February 23' Minutes, and March 22' Minutes
- 2023 Slate of Officers
 - Chair – Patty V.
 - Vice Chair – Khaki W.
 - Secretary – Lisa M

Presentation: NYS Governor's Youth Council Rep (Indira Clairborne)

- There were two different groups that worked together. (1) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in schools, and (2) Environmental Issues.
- These groups meet once or twice a month and research the topic of their choice.
- Indira's group put together a plan for JEDI to happen in schools with special focus weeks that occur around specific holidays.
- They felt that this work should focus on grades K to 6th grade.
- Kate provided an overview of how the Governor's Youth Council works, and how that actually shapes policy at the highest level of NYS government.
- Ian asked her, based on the areas of interest, is there one major thing that is not being done in schools (JEDI Issues). Indira said she couldn't think of anything, but at ICSD had a SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK, and that was a big step in the right direction.
- She said that the project that her group worked on is what she would like to see implemented in all school districts. They honestly believe that the younger the education starts the better.
- Marnie said she was very happy to see the "Lead with Love" curriculum in the ICSD in her grandson and asked Indira what her experience was. She said it was good.
- Lisa Monroe asked Indira if she had any other thoughts on how the other school districts compare to the ICSD. Indira said she didn't know much about that, but that she knows that there are lots of students who are trying to make a difference.

Discussion: 2023 Youth Board Goals

- Board members went over the new language for the 2023 Board Goals, every in attendance felt that we could move forward with the goals, as written.
- The Board members moved into groups to talk about the metrics under each goal, and how that might be a good place to do some work and help.

- Marnie asked how we expect others to attend another meeting, when we are having an issue getting quorum now. Ian added that we are going to figure this out as we move forward, timing isn't the only variable as to why people aren't coming. He thought maybe if we allow people to have ways to be involved, they may be more likely to attend.
- Randy said that Advisory Boards need to be empowered to be actively involved.
- Pat spoke up about how glad she was that she participated in the RAC process last year.
- Goal 1 – Khaki, Pat, and Susie - RAC is not just a rubber stamp but bring everyone involved in the active decisions.
- Goal 2 – Lisa and Randy – Communication piece is having the board members go out to meetings, when they aren't really used to doing that. Also, how do you find meetings, and then how do you make sense of that and also relay stuff to the municipalities.
- Goal 3 - Ian Jen Foote-Dean – Developing our outline is process about recruitment, example would be a draft email that can be sent out to those folks we might want to have join us. Also, maybe having them attend a committee meeting, and not exactly joining the Board. They also discussed youth membership on the board.

Director's Report

- Kate provided an overview of how the Board did on the 2022 RBA Goals.
- Kate updated the Board on who is filling the open positions in County Administration.
- Kate said that Miryam Ginsparg has been hired and she is working on the Resource Mapping Project.
- Sports Funding has come in and we will be working with CCE's RYS program again, and Ithaca YMCA.
- Kate made the announcement that Mike Ellis is leaving Family and Children's Services this year.
- Kate also provided an overview of the job openings in the RYS program and updated the Board on the Trumansburg/Ulysses/RYS Contract.
- June 14th MYSS CSEC Event is going to be held online. Kate encouraged Board members to attend this, so they can be educated on this.
- Randy and Kate provided an overview of the County Budget Process.
- Kate highlighted the Better Together, May 13th that will be happening at Stewart Park to support Mental Health Awareness Month.
- Anxious Nation was also highlighted, and updated the Board that we are looking at trying to bring this to Tompkins County.

Discussion: 2023 Goals & Breakout Groups

- Pat highlighted the fact that some board members got together and reviewed and updated all of

New/Old Business

- Kate provided an overview of the RAC opportunity that might want to participate. Theresa will be passing information along.
- RBA score cards are up on the website. Theresa has also reached out to Pete Angie to discuss the CCE Urban program.

Adjourn Next meeting:

- June 26, 2023, at 5 pm.

The meeting was called at 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kate Shanks-Booth