

Barrington's Substance Abuse Task Force

Drug Free Community Coalition

Barrington High School

June 1, 2015 at 8:45 am.

Present: Kathy Sullivan (Staff), Dr. Kristen Westmoreland (Staff), Ann Johnston (School), Chief John LaCross (Law Enforcement), Susan Freel (parent), Kerri Hayes (healthcare), Joanne Royley (School), Stacie McLoughlin (Parent),

Not present: Eileen Johnson (Healthcare), Harper Berriman (youth), Diane Block (health care), Bill Cameron (business), Grethe Cobb (healthcare), Claudia Gordon (Parent), Maureen Janetta (School), Bob Shea (School), Chuck Lzbash (Youth Serving Organization), Kim Kelly (youth), Heather Annis (Faith Community), Heidi Fanion (Parent), Denise Alves (State Organization with Expertise in field of substance abuse), Deena Davis (Youth Serving Organization), Jonathan Ashuler (School), Elsie Wright (School), Deb Jerome (Civic group), Maura Fay (Parent), Sara Kriz (media), Mike Skazinski (Faith organization), Jen Sapolsky (parent)

Minutes

Executive Board - Summary

Committee Reports

Parenting – The Camp iAm is shaping up. KW gave an overview of the camp – helping youth in grades 7, 8th and incoming 9th to discover more about themselves and learn about “sparks” or passions. We hope to help youth learn what these are and learn how to cultivate a passion.

The group has worked on the Stress Free Garden project this year, but has learned that this is an issue that we would like to put more effort into next year. Anne let the group know about the effort on mindfulness at BMS. We need to do a problem identification and assessment of current initiatives – possibly with the help of BAY Team PTO liaisons.

Marijuana – Susan Freel updated the group. There are now Marijuana goggles to simulate the effect of being high which we will strategize how to effectively maximize the educational use of these. We may partner with the new SRO to do this.

The School Resource Office role has been approved. Interviews soon with a September start. Chief reports that this role will enhance the school, interact with students, provide training and education to students.

The MJ Teacher raffle will take place at BHS.

There is a hearing on MJ bills on Tuesday which Susan urged others to attend or write letters of opposition to the bills.

Policy and Rx Drug – Working on signage for the e-cig/tobacco legislation. Asking people not to smoke in public areas. Discussion about how the school handles possession of e cigs now that it is an offense. Currently the school policy is implemented. (One youth repeatedly caught now does not use them because of the negative consequences) Chief and JR agreed that there needs to be a notification that in September all those who have an e cig confiscated will be turned over to the Barrington Police (as with alcohol or marijuana). Current penalty is 30 hrs of CS or cessation education training.

Social Action Committee – The White Church has pulled out of the committee, but Heather at St. Johns has completed a Circle Process. St. Marks may also be interested. SF will train and offer one at the Temple.

KS did a summary of recent E cig training, including providing update on the new Bluetooth e cigs which connect you to other users and regulate your nicotine.

BAY Youth – There is a great group of students for next year. They

are winding down this year!

CHOICES – Kindness tree was a success.

Any Other Business:

Volunteer Breakfast June 15 8 – 9:30 am a the Senior Center. RSVP to KS.