

**Preston Youth Services Bureau Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday March 22, 2023
4:30 pm.
Teleconference**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chairwoman Melissa Lennon called the meeting to order at 4:37 pm

Regular Members

Melissa Lennon - Chairwoman
Amanda Phelps – Vice Chair
Kasey Peek- Secretary – absent
Dylan Phelps – Youth Rep.
Resident State Trooper Sean Bresnan – Police Rep. - absent
Jessica Boucher – School Rep.
Rachel Tucker
Community Member - Vacant

Liaisons - None present

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier – BoS
Dr. Roy Seitsinger – PPS
Dr. Ivy Davis- Tomczuk – PPS
Ray Bernier – PPS

Alternate

Roberta Charpentier - seated

Also Present

Amy Brosnan, Parks & Recreation Director
Roberta Charpentier, recording secretary

Chairwoman Lennon seated R. Charpentier

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approve Meeting Minutes

a. February 22, 2022 – Regular Meeting

A motion was made by A. Phelps and seconded by J. Boucher to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 22, 2023 as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

4. Correspondence

- Received Town of Preston Budget Time Line

5. PYSB Financial Report

Expenditures;

- \$2,000 for Hidden in Plain Site program and payroll

6. Resignations, Vacancies, & Appointments

a. Vacancies – a Preston youth organization representative, youth representative, & a community member

7. Preston Public Schools - Preston Youth Services Award

\$50 each, given to 2 eighth grade students who demonstrate a positive attitude, exemplify community involvement, and generosity towards others within the school and greater community.

A motion was made by R. Charpentier and seconded by J. Boucher to approve \$100.00 for the two 8th grade Class of 2023 Youth Services Award.

All in favor. Motion carries.

8. PYSAB: Programming Updates

a. D.A.R.E. - 5th and 7th grade

5th grade – completed 9 lessons, final class next week with celebration scheduled for April 5th at Lisbon movie theater.

7th grade will not complete by the end of the school year.

Chairwoman Lennon suggested the course be continued for next school year's 8th graders.

b. Art Effects - 5 weeks for middle school students

A. Brosnan explained that the class has been postponed because the instructor had to back out due to her busy schedule.

A. Brosnan is currently looking for another art instructor.

c. Babysitting Course (March 25th) for 12 youth with \$40/youth subsidy (NTE \$480)

11 have signed up

d. Board Game Club

4 have signed up and are enjoying the club.

e. EYES for Learning classes for three age groups: for 10 youth per age group with \$125/youth subsidy (NTE \$4000); participants will pay \$25 for the 6 week class

K2 sign-ups are full; wait list of 5

Grade 3 through 5 has 7 signed up

Middle School has 1 sign-up

A. Brosnan received approval from the company to have another K2 class instead of Middle School.

M. Lennon requested that the change be made

f. Hidden in Plain Sight in-person for parent conferences

Scheduled for March 1st

A. Brosnan stated that a table was set up in the hall way instead of a “bed room” in the cafeteria. There were not a lot of parents attending the conferences, but the teachers came down to look at the table.

g. Open Playgroup (for birth to five) at the library on Thursdays from 10:30-11:30

Librarian told A. Brosnan this program is going well.

9. PYSAB: Programming Ideas

a. Community Garden – aim for Earth Day start

A. Brosnan and Librarian met with Dan Williams

Dan Williams picked an area to build the raised beds

Tonight's BoS meeting has an agenda request for approval of raised beds at the library.

A motion was made by J. Boucher and seconded by A. Phelps to approve NTE \$2750 to purchase materials for two raised garden beds at the library.

All in favor. Motion carries.

b. Eating Disorder/Nutrition/Body Image education

M. Lennon spoke with Oriana Laflamme who is an Eating Disorder Coach

Different programs available will be discussed at the YSB April meeting.

c. Mentorship Program

J. Boucher discussed with the Superintendent R. Seitsinger who is in support of the idea

d. Summer Programming/Camps

Ideas;

- Cooking camp before summer camp starts
- Slime Camp should have less children in the camp

R. Tucker noted that as a working parent she would not sign her kids up for ½ day camp

- Summer Sizzler
- Camp for Pre-K age
- R. Tucker suggested offering scholarships for families that can't afford camp.

A. Brosnan stated that she is applying for grants that would give financial assistance

10. Public Comment

None

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by D. Phelps and seconded by R. Tucker to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 pm.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

RT Charpentier

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