

**Preston Youth Services Bureau Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday April 26, 2023
4:30 pm.
Teleconference**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chairwoman Melissa Lennon called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm

Regular Members

Melissa Lennon - Chairwoman

Amanda Phelps – Vice Chair

Kasey Peek- Secretary – excused

Dylan Phelps – Youth Rep.

Resident State Trooper Sean Bresnan – Police Rep. - excused

Jessica Boucher – School Rep. - excused

Rachel Tucker – arrived at 4:38

Community Member - Vacant

Alternate

Roberta Charpentier - seated

Also Present

Amy Brosnan, Parks & Recreation Director

Roberta Charpentier, recording secretary

Liaisons - None present

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier – BoS

Dr. Roy Seitsinger – PPS

Dr. Ivy Davis- Tomczuk – PPS

Ray Bernier – PPS

Chairwoman Lennon seated R. Charpentier

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approve Meeting Minutes

a. March 22, 2022 – Regular Meeting

A motion was made by A. Phelps and seconded by D. Phelps to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 22, 2023 as amended.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Page 2; 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 5-9

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- NESS camp

4. Correspondence

None

5. PYSB Financial Report

Current Balance: \$23,761.53

6. Resignations, Vacancies, & Appointments

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

7. PYSAB: Programming Updates

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

5th grade – completed 9 lessons, final class last week with movie and pizza celebration.

7th grade has not completed; they are working on scheduling the classes.

b. Art Effects - 5 weeks for middle school students

Canceled

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

The course went well, there are now 11 new certified babysitters in Preston

d. Board Game Club

Randy extended the session until next Tuesday.

A motion was made by R. Tucker and seconded by A. Phelps to purchase a \$100 gift card for Randy as a thank you for volunteering to run Board Game Club.

All in favor. Motion carries.

e. Community Garden

- Installed on April 15th

A. Brosnan stated that the installation was more labor intensive than she thought, but it came out well.

Planted onions, lettuce, radishes, broccoli, brussel sprouts and more will be added later.

A fence will be installed to keep out the deer.

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

- 1st week instructor was a “no-show” a make up class and bonus class will take place
- 2nd week a trainee led the class
- The wrong Llegos were brought.

M. Lennon noted that this may not be a company YSB will invite back.

8. PYSAB: Programming Ideas

a. Nutrition/Body Image education

M. Lennon and A. Brosnan spoke with Oriana Laflamme who is an Eating Disorder Recovery coach and partners with Julia Worth, registered dietitian, and Nikki Danish, licensed social worker.

- M. Lennon thought the program(s) should be held at the school
- Have parent education
- Nutrition and sports
- Presentation on how to pack lunch

b. Mentorship Program

M. Lennon spoke with Dr. Seitsinger who loves the idea but would like to wait until next year to look into it further.

c. Summer Programming/Camps

Summer camps run the 2 weeks before summer camp starts

June 20 – June 23

New England Science and Sailing Camp (NESS) 9 to 3, grades 6 through 8
20 students cost \$4,830

Volleyball camp 9 to noon, ages 10 to 14
15 students at \$129 per student

June 26 – June 30

Minds in Motion 9 to noon, ages 7 to 11
12 students at \$145 per student

Food Explorers – baking 9 to noon, grades 3 to 5
12 students at \$140 per student

Sky Hawk Flag Football 9 to 12, ages 7 to 12
12 students at \$145 per student

Minds in Motion 1 to 4, ages 7 to 11
CSI
12 students at \$145 per student

Food Explorers – Italian cooking 1 to 4, grades 3 to 5
12 students at \$140 per student

Sky Hawks 1 to 4, ages 7 to 12
12 students at \$145 per student

A motion was made by A. Phelps and seconded by R. Tucker to subsidize summer enrichment camps in June NTE\$18,000 as presented by A. Brosnan. All in favor. Motion carries.

M. Lennon noted that last year the YSB contributed \$750 to the Summer Sizzler held in June on 250 ice cream vouchers. This year there will be a snow cone truck, so the cost may be higher.

A. Phelps suggested finding out the costs and then deciding.

d. Library passes & Young Adult books

M. Lennon noted that the YSB spent over \$6,000 on various passes but they weren't used often. For example only one family went to the Boston Children's Museum and the pass cost 750

Boston Museum of Science – 4 passes used, cost: \$700

Boston Children's Museum – 1 pass used, cost: \$700

Children's Museum of West Hartford – 2 passes used, cost: \$125

Concord Museum - 0

Davis Farmland – 3 passes used, cost: \$400

Discovery Science Center and Planet - 0

Ecotarium – 1 pass used, cost: \$350

Institute for American Indian Studies - 0

Kidsplay Children's Museum - 0

Lutz Children's Museum – 1 pass used, cost: \$200

Mashantucket Pequot Museum – 8 passes used, cost: \$350

New England Aquarium – 4 passes used, cost: \$650

Old Sturbridge Village - 0

Plimoth Patuxet Museum - 0

Providence Children's Museum – 1 pass used, cost: \$300

Roger Williams Zoo – 4 passes used, cost: \$250

Sacred Heart U. Discovery Science Planetarium - 0

Southwick Zoo – 50 passes used, cost: \$1,250

Stamford Museum and Nature Center - 0

Worcester Art Museum – 0

M. Lennon asked Members to think about which, if any passes should be purchased and Preston's librarian thought purchasing library books may be a better use of funds.

M. Lennon stated that Amy Brosnan has taken a position elsewhere and noted that she has worked hard and been very dedicated and there are lots of families and children that will miss her.

9. Public Comment

None

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by D. Phelps and seconded by R. Tucker to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 pm.

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All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

RT Charpentier

Roberta Charpentier

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