

Litchfield Prevention Council  
Regular Meeting  
Litchfield Intermediate School  
March 8, 2016 7:00 PM

**Present:** Elisa Bauer, Robert Berson, Nicholas Fitzgerald, Kelly Garden, Meredith Shafer, Kevin Tieman

**Excused:** Dana Moore, Marion Pettinicchi

**Also present:** Tim Walsh, Allison Fulton, Jennifer Abbott

**Call to Order:** K. Tieman, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**Presentation:** Tim Walsh of The Newport Academy in Bethlehem, CT presented a very informative overview of the work he has done in the areas of Recovery, Addiction and Prevention and he discussed the types of programs he can offer our students. Members agreed that Tim's approach, experience and programming would be a valuable asset to our youth. K. Garden will contact the Superintendent.

**Appointment of Alternates:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** B. Berson moved to approve the minutes of February 17, 2016, seconded by, K. Garden, all aye motion passed. M. Shafer abstained.

**Treasurer Report:** Balance is \$ 9,548.22

**Old Business:**

**Courage to Speak Final Plans:** K. Garden reviewed the schedule for the presentations. Evening event is offering babysitting for parents who have a need for child care during the presentation. Kristen DellaVolpe will have students available but requests a member of the Council to also be available. K. Tieman and N. Fitzgerald volunteered. K. Garden also reported that an invitation to Wamogo's 7 & 8 graders was made and initially accepted but has since been rescinded, no reason was given, however contact will be made again. K. Garden contacted Fran Clem, thanked her for the offer to help with advertising but it was not accepted by Virginia Katz, who stated that all flyers must be approved by Courage to Speak, prior to use.

**Project Purple Fun Day Recap:** Sixty-two students attended the program. Feedback was positive from both the students and the parents. For future Fun Days, we will promote the event earlier, buy water in addition to Gatorade, and purchase additional amounts of snacks and beverages, as we completely sold out. We may also want to find additional volunteers to help run games. After expenses for refreshments the profit was \$400.00. B. Berson made a motion to donate \$400.00 to the LHS Project Purple Club, seconded by N. Fitzgerald, vote: all ayes, motion passed.

**Budget Request:** K. Tieman will contact First Selectman to inquire on an update of the status of our request.

**Coalition and Grant Updates:** Tabled to next meeting.

**New Business:**

**Substance Free Homes:** K. Garden reported that the superintendent liked the idea presented and may have some suggestions from other like programs she was involved with. Members will continue to develop a plan for implementation in the fall of 2016. A suggestion was made to add the information to the "welcome package" that is sent by the school to parents in August.

Summer Family Nights/Programs: Tabled to next meeting.

Texting and Driving Presentation Update: Tabled to next meeting.

Other Future Presentation Ideas: Drugs 101, How to recognize signs of drugs and use

Website Update: Discussion website vs Facebook, members will continue discussion at next meeting.

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting:** Project Purple window stickers, tabled items, a future presentation idea utilizing S. Kubisek and G. Kenney

**Adjournment:** B. Benson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m., N. Fitzgerald seconded, all ayes, motion passed.

Transcribed by E. Bauer, Secretary

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K. Tieman, Chair

Next meeting will be April 12, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall Annex, Bantam