

Litchfield Prevention Council
Regular Meeting
Town Hall Annex, Bantam
8/9/16

Present: Jennifer Abbott, Robert Berson, Jill Johnson, Dana Moore, Meredith Shafer

Also present: Kristen Della Volpe, Julie Haggard

Excused: Kelly Garden, Nicholas Fitzgerald, Marion Pettinicchi

Call to Order: In the absence of Council Chairwoman Garden, M. Shafer convened the meeting at 7:03 PM.

Appointment of Alternates: None needed

Approval of Minutes: M. Shafer moved to accept the 6/14/16 Meeting Minutes. Discussion: change WBZG to WZBG. Motion to approve as corrected, seconded by J. Johnson. Three ayes, D. Moore abstained.

Treasurer Report: No change in balance since last meeting, still at \$5356.73.

Correspondence: A. Fulton contacted LPC to express interest in running a quarterly or every other month parenting series at Litchfield Community Center. She and Berta Andrulis are meeting to firm things up.

Old Business

Project Purple update: Ben Storrs is working to expand membership. There are currently 15 Project Purple members at LHS. Ben is encouraging other student groups to be involved with Project Purple events. Kristen Della Volpe had mentioned the potential for students to create a Project Purple promotional video. The group is hoping to recruit younger students, as well as athletes. Project Purple "Under the Lights" games are scheduled for 9/9 (Soccer) and 9/10 (Field Hockey). LPC members will be in attendance to share information about our group, and to hand out Pledges and Survey results.

Report on meeting with School Administration: M. Shafer reported on the July 19: She and K. Garden were in attendance. In addition to discussing Greenwoods and Project Purple, goals were reviewed with administration. There was discussion about the need to administer another youth student survey on a regular basis (every two years); The district currently has no plans (and no budget) to administer a survey this year; Jennifer Murphy, Principal of LIS, expressed interest in future collaboration with LPC.

Family Fun Night: J. Tiul was not present so a report was not possible.

The Safe Gathering Initiative update: SGI is increasing enrollee families. It is accessible through the LPC website and is on the Litchfield Schools website at <http://www.litchfieldschools.org/high-school/school-information/prevention-council>. M.

Shafer and/or K. Garden will be attending the Presentations for Parents of Student Athletes at LHS and LMS to introduce and hand out copies of the Pledge.

Open Houses Update: Members signed up to attend the Open House events at all four schools. Members will distribute LPC info, Pledges and Survey results.

Website update: M. Shafer reported that our website now has a direct link available on the LHS/LMS school websites. Our website has a Safe Gathering Initiative tab, where people can view the list of SGI families, read a description of the Pledge, and a download/sign the Pledge itself.

New Business: Kristen Della Volpe Presentation: Along with K. Della Volpe, Julie Haggard (Director of Special Services) proposed that the Greenwoods Counseling Referrals group would like to collaborate with LPC. Greenwoods would target both schools (teachers and students) and the community. They would advertise, organize and run Parent Academies. R. Berson volunteered to be the liaison between Greenwoods and LPC and planned to contact Donna Campbell. Greenwoods has received a \$35,000 grant to provide training for parents and faculty, and programming for students in the Litchfield Schools. R. Berson moved to sponsor with Greenwoods Referrals and Litchfield Schools Parent / Faculty Training, seconded by D. Moore. All voted aye.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Litchfield Schools Student Survey
Update on membership status/Elect a treasurer
Report on Family Fun Night
Presentation Ideas
Greenwoods Counseling
Website / Social Media update
Parents' Needs Assessment
Report on Safe Gathering Initiative
Open House Updates
Project Purple- ribbon and wire purchase

Adjournment: J. Johnson moved and R. Berson seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Transcribed by R. Berson, Secretary

K. Garden, Chair