

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
Madison Youth and Family Services Board
Minutes from January 14, 2020

In Attendance: A. Aron, D. Buller, P. Davies, K. Dess, T. Doina, J. Daignault, A. Symonds, S. Murphy, L. LaPorta, K. Snow, L. Kaplan, S. Murphy, Officer J. Yorke

Staff: S. Cochran, M. Fahey, C. Barden

Absent: J. Fitzgerald, J.M. Parker, K. Kilbourn, J. Rogers, S. Snyder, R. Xeller,

I. Welcome – Tony Doina, Chair

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

II. Citizen’s Comments—

- None.

III. Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2019

Motion to approve the December 10, 2019 minutes was made by L. LaPorta and seconded by A. Symonds. K. Dess abstained.

IV. Correspondence—

- None.

V. Treasurer’s Report – A. Aron

- A. Aron reported that there is \$203 in the Sunshine Fund balance.

VI. Student Report –Jake Daignault and L. Kaplan

- L. Kaplan reported on the new Peer Advocate Room in the library. D. Cornwell and M. Balletto, both of MYFS, are helping to monitor the room, as are L. Kaplan and J. Daignault. There will be a training meeting for other Peer Advocates so that they can offer support in the Peer Advocate room.
- L. Kaplan reported that there were comfortable chairs, blankets, and natural light in the room.
- J. Daignault reported that they have helped students with issues relating to: divorce, relationships, and friends.
- J. Daignault discussed how he wants to start a Unity Club at the High School. The Unity Club will cover all groups that are not covered by other existing groups at DHHS. He has a meeting scheduled with the Principal and may have MYFS sponsor the program. He plans to visit other clubs to introduce the Unity Club and hopes members from other clubs will be active in this club.
- The drug-dog visit from last spring was discussed.
- D. Buller suggested documenting those who are monitoring the room and those who have utilized the Peer Advocate support, in a way that protects everyone’s privacy.
- J. Daignault reported that he is also a member of the Diversity Club and they have been invited to Guilford High School.

- School safety continues to be on the minds of students.

VII. Staff Presentation—Catherine Barden, Asst Director, Community Support—2019 MADE Survey Results

- Catherine Barden reported on the Results of the Survey given to DHHS students at the end of October.
- Survey Results will be given to community at a later date.

VIII. Director’s Report – Scott Cochran, Director

- S. Cochran discussed progress on the Parent Support Counselor job vacancy. The job will not be a FT position in the current budget year, but will be an “additional request” for the 20-21 budget year.
- S. Cochran will be presenting the MYFS budget to the BOF and BOS on 1-23-20 at 5pm. Support from the Board is appreciated.
- S. Cochran discussed the DHHS PTO meeting that he attended.
- SafeRides was discussed as use has increased this year. S. Cochran reminded everyone that SafeRides is a ‘Safe’ ride home for students who need it for any reason.
- S. Cochran discussed his continuing work on the vaping issue.
- An anti-vaping PSA contest at Polson and DHHS is still being developed with goal to launch soon. S. Cochran will reach out to see if the Chamber of Commerce members may be interested in partnering and/or supporting the contest. It was suggested that notes to teachers and art/media teachers in particular, could help to promote the contest.

IX. Discuss and take action to approve utilization of the MADE donation account for the purpose of funding up to \$2500 for MADE staff to attend the Global Alcohol Policy Conference March 9-11 2020 in Dublin Ireland. Catherine Barden and Cristal DePietro have been honored with an invitation to present at this global conference and offered \$1000 stipend to defray some of the costs.

- Motion to discuss was made by D. Buller and seconded by K. Dess. Voted and passed unanimously

X. Chairperson Comments—Tony Doina, Board Chair

- A survey for Board Members will be sent out shortly.

XI. Adjourn—Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49. Next meeting: February 11, 2020