

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Meeting Date: June 7th, 2022

6:30 pm

Meeting Place: Memorial Town Hall

Madison Youth and Family Services Special Meeting Minutes

David Buller, Chairperson, called the meeting of 6-7-22 to order at 6:33. Also in attendance were: B. Skudder, R. Wahl, S. Murphy, J. Yorke, R. Xeller, J. Rogers, G. McGrimley, K. Rasimas, D. McMahon, A. Aron and MYFS staff: S. Cochran, and M. Fahey.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome—David Buller, Chairperson.
 - D. Buller welcomed everyone and our 2 newest board members, G. McGrimley and K. Rasimas.
3. Approval of minutes from April 12, 2022, and May 10, 2022. Motion made by B. Skudder and seconded by R. Xeller; K. Rasimas and G. McGrimley abstained. Motion approved.
4. Public Comment—None
5. Correspondence—None

NEW BUSINESS

6. Treasurer's Report – Andrea Aron
 - a. Motion to approve a \$2,000 donation from the Exchange Club to be used for camp scholarships.
 - Motion made by R. Xeller and seconded by B. Skudder; motion approved.
 - On behalf of the MYFS Board, D. Buller thanked The Exchange Club for this donation and for their continued support.
7. Student Report –Darian McMahon and Rebe Wahl
 - R. Wahl discussed the assembly given to the Junior class before the Junior Prom.

- R. Wahl indicated that the topic was good; but not well received.
- Board discussed alternative ways to give a meaningful message to the Junior class prior to the prom for next year.
- Roots club has finished for the year; their bake sale funded mental health supplies for classrooms at DHHS.
- R. Wahl discussed funds received from the ‘Jane Doe No More’ presentation sponsored by Girls United.
 - Donations received were used to make bags with clothes, hygiene kits and stuffed animals for victims of domestic violence.
- D. McMahon discussed the presentation given to the Senior Class prior to the Prom.
 - D. McMahon indicated that senior class was respectful and engaged during the assembly presented by Cara Fuller.
- D. McMahon thanked the MYFS Board for their support during the 2 years that he has been the student liaison.
- D. Buller thanked D. McMahon for his commitment to the MYFS Board and his meaningful suggestions and insights.

8. Director’s Report – Scott Cochran, Director

- S. Cochran shared that the next student representative to the MYFS Board will be Tripp Rizzo.
- S. Cochran reported that he has applied to the ARPA committee for funds to expand the Parent Support Counselor position from a part-time position to a full-time position.
- S. Cochran gave an update on the Madison Police Department Social Work Extern Pilot Program.
 - T. Torello, the social work extern, completed her pilot program at the end of May; but the program was extended for one more month thanks to the support of Chief Drumm.
 - S. Cochran will be at the Police Commission meeting on Thursday, 6/9 at 5:30 to give some preliminary data.
 - S. Cochran shared that the preliminary data indicates that this is a viable position for MPD; but it is likely that a fully licensed social worker is what will be needed.

- S. Cochran shared that a survey will be given to police officers looking for responses regarding the social work externship.
- S. Cochran reported that staff will be marching in the July 4th parade (held on Monday July 4th); please join MYFS if you are available and not marching with other groups.
- MYFS will be looking at data collection during the summer months to further refine and show impact of our programs.
- S. Cochran thanked the Board for their participation in PrideFest, Trunk or Treat, the Survey Rollout, the Awards dinner, and the July 4th parade last year, among many contributions.
- S. Cochran was also grateful for the support from MYFS Board Chair, D. Buller for attending the April Board of Education meeting and for writing the letter of recommendation needed to apply for ARPA funding for the Parent Support Counselor position.
- S. Cochran reported on the most recent QPR training done with First Responders in Madison.

9. Chairperson Comments – David Buller, Board Chair

- D. Buller gave thanks to all the MYFS Board members for choosing to spend their time in support of the youth of Madison.
- D. Buller encouraged anyone with comments, questions, or suggestions to reach out to him or to S. Cochran.

10. Open Discussion–Board members encouraged to ask questions, provide input.

- Liaison reports were given during this part of the agenda.
 - Liaison J. Yorke (Madison Police Department) updated the Board on the Special Olympics Torch Run.
 - J. Yorke discussed the Madison Police Social Work extern and acknowledged the success of the program is because of an existing relationship between MPD and MYFS.
 - A. Aron, liaison with the Affordable Housing Committee, updated the board on the Affordable Housing report that was unanimously accepted and sent to Hartford.
 - S. Murphy, liaison with the Board of Selectman updated board on the following:
 - Island Avenue School was sold.

- Interviews are beginning for the Academy Building project boards.
- Dr. Cooke wanted to extend his appreciation, through S. Murphy, for the work that MYFS does in town.

11. Adjournment—Meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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