



Stratford Partnership for Youth & Families

School Assets Committee Meeting
Birdseye Municipal Complex, Room 111
Thursday, September 24, 2015
Minutes

In Attendance: Aubrey Booska, Lauren Cavalli, Anna Gasinski, Michelle Genuario, Patty Hines, Denise Keegan, Kate Mascia, James Olsen, Tammy Trojanowski

Call to Order

Denise Keegan called the meeting to order at 3:53 p.m.

Presentation Updates

Introduction to Developmental Assets presentations have been made to Dr. Robinson, principals, administrators, classroom instructional aides (CIAs), guidance counselors, school nurses and custodians. The remaining chosen school audiences are: PTA Council, social workers and psychologists, bus drivers, Sodexo staff, secretaries and PPS staff. Community presentations include: South End Community Center, Sterling House Community Center, Recreation Department Counselors, Rotary Club, and librarians.

Upcoming Freshman Forum Dates

The upcoming scheduled Freshman Forum dates were discussed.

- Trumbull High School ~October 13, 2015
- Fairfield's Warde High School~ November 4, 2015
- Fairfield's Ludlowe High School~ November 12, 2015
- Monroe's Masuk High School~ November 12, 2015.

Denise Keegan and Patty Hines will be attending upcoming forums in Fairfield and Trumbull. Committee members are encouraged to attend the upcoming forums to gain insight on speakers and topics related to underage drinking. Members will provide feedback on other forum to the committee when beginning to plan Stratford's Freshman Forum in the spring.

Asset / Kindness Partners

With the goal of spreading the "Be Kind" initiative, as well as Developmental Assets in every Stratford school, the School Assets Committee has formed a partnership with the Stratford "Be Kind" initiative. Since presenting to Dr. Robinson and the principals and administrators, Denise Keegan has been rallying to get a Kindness and an Assets representative from each Stratford school. The current list was distributed for review. The committee hopes that with a representative from each school, the kindness and asset message will spread further and greater. The School Assets Committee invites Aubrey Booska and Michelle Genuario, who spearhead the Stratford "Kindness" initiative, to present the initiative and how it fits with the Coalition's vision and mission at the November 10, 2015 Coalition meeting.

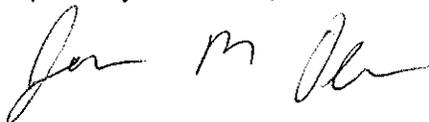
Next Steps

Following positive feedback from the Asset postcard for teachers and school staff, the committee plans to create one similar but for parents and families, and then for students. To involve more students, the School Assets Committee will reach out to Stratford High's design class to help in the creation of these additional postcards. In addition, the School Assets hopes to contact Advisory Administrators at the high schools and middle schools and bringing an asset building activity to Advisory period.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Olsen", written in a cursive style.

James Olsen