



Town of Stratford Youth and Family Advisory Board (YAFAB)

All About Assets! Committee Minutes

Thursday, April 30, 2015

Birdseye Municipal Complex, Room 111

Attendance: Lauren Cavalli, Collette Fearon, Anna Gasinski, Patty Hines, Denise Keegan, James Olsen, Tammy Trojanowski, Denique Weidema-Lewis

Call to Order

Denise Keegan and Patty Hines, Committee Co-Chairs, called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

May Assets Presentation

The RYASAP Search Institute Survey Data and Introduction to the Developmental Assets Presentation will be made on May 11, 2015 at the guidance department staff meeting. Denique Weidema-Lewis briefly discussed the presentation with the committee, as well as showed the handouts she'd like to include. The opening question for the guidance staff will be, which asset was built for you when you were younger? Additional handouts will include: list of all 40 developmental assets, ways to build assets, and the DFC infographic. Two committee members will introduce themselves, the committee, their mission and vision, and the presentation, including Denique. The committee will continue to follow up with Eric Paradis for the May 18 presentation to SPS social workers and psychologists.

Next Steps:

The Asset newsletter that has been edited by Dr. Orr was printed and discussed. Using these monthly newsletters, the committee hopes to make the connection with the Stratford SIS data. The committee discussed other venues that the newsletter can be passed along, for example, social media, PTA's, phone blasts, etc.

The committee discussed further support staff to connect assets to in the school district, such as nurses, custodians, lunch staff, tutors, paraprofessionals and classroom aids (CIAs). Also, the committee chose to highlight Asset #8: Youth as Resources, this summer.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna Gasinski".

Anna Gasinski