

LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

5:00 P.M.

Manager's Conference Room

Present: Tonia Moore, Superintendent Representative
Sue Varga, Community Representative
Lisa Snyder, Project Graduation
Sharon Kane, PEI Kids
Carol Chamberlain, Chairperson

Absent: Steve Groeger, Recreation Superintendent
Charles Edgar, Police Chief Representative
Kelly Nitti, Camp Fire Boys and Girls
Ken Dunn, Community Representative
Mayor James Kownacki, Council Liaison

A. Minutes

The minutes of the January meeting were tabled due to the lack of a quorum.

B. Grant Activity Reports

LMTI – Tonia Moore reported that LMTI and THREADS celebrated Black History Month with a series of events. Open Mike Night was well attended with both performers and audience members. THREADS collected food donations at the event. This Thursday there will be a program entitled “Village to the Whitehouse”. Food donations will also be collected at this event. The goal is to collect 40 bags of groceries for donation. Carol Chamberlain noted announcements for Black History events were broadcast on The Bronc Radio 107.7 FM.

Tonia also informed the group that City of Angels is scheduled to speak in the health classes at Lawrence High School. They will be in the health classes on April 8 and 10. In addition, they will speak at a faculty meeting on a future date.

Camp Fire Boys and Girls – No Report.

PEI Kids – Sharon Kane reported the two-day program “No More Bullies” was presented to approximately 400 fifth graders at Lawrence Intermediate School. The program included information about verbal, physical and emotional abuse associated with bullying. A survey was conducted with the students regarding their own experiences with bullying. The surveys were reviewed and as a result, five students were referred to the Guidance Department for additional assessment. One significant item noted was that most bullying occurs during times of the day when there is less direct supervision such as at lunch time, at the bus stop and at recess.

There will be a follow-up visit to review the results of the survey with the school administration.

Project Graduation - Lisa Snyder reviewed the upcoming events for Project Graduation. The next parent meeting will be on Monday, March 4, 2013. The pancake breakfast at Applebee's will be on March 9, 2013. Mr. LHS will be held at Lawrence High School on May 3, 2013. This event is always a popular event. The balloon fundraiser has started. There was a discussion about the purchase of additional balloons for students who would not otherwise have balloons purchased for them by family or friends. Lisa said she will provide the LADA members with a price for purchasing the balloons.

The school year will end with the senior breakfast and Project Graduation. Volunteers and donations are currently being sought for Project Graduation Night.

Community Awareness – Carol Chamberlain reported the BRONC radio station continues to broadcast the weekly radio show “Inside Your Mind” which is sponsored by the LADA. This month commercials were added for the LMTI activities in recognition of Black History Month. The radio station promotes the LADA throughout the broadcast of “Inside Your Mind”.

Coordinator – Ken Dunn has resigned as the coordinator of the LADA. He has just started a new full-time job which is an evening shift job and he is teaching part-time at Mercer County College. Ken will remain a community representative on the LADA.

C. Old Business

Revision to By-Laws- Due to the lack of a quorum the proposed revisions to the by-laws were tabled.

D. New Business

There was no new business brought before the LADA.

E. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is scheduled for March 26, 2013. Tonia Moore indicated the public schools will be on spring break. Carol Chamberlain said depending on who can attend there may be a need to cancel the meeting. A notice of the status of the next meeting will be forwarded to everyone.

F. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain
Chairperson