

Burrillville Prevention Action Coalition

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Burrillville High School Library

Those in attendance were: Monica Blanchette, Michelle Harter, Raechel Robidoux, Col. Lynch, Mike Gingell, Amanda Gingell, Janet McLinden, John Mattson, Mike Sollitto, Julie Mayhew, Monica Tomson, Alex LeClair, Dennis Leahey, John Pacheco, Mackenzie Raimond, Steve Diehl, Dave Beauchemin, Destiny Ceesay, Ray Trinque, Ethan Cormier, Danielle Cormier, Kevin Heitke, Margaret Gradie, Richard Goudreau, Tom Smith, William Lacey.

1. Welcome
2. Approval September Minutes
3. New Members – Please fill out a Contact Information Sheet
4. New Business
 - a. Monica Blanchette
 - i. BVPC – Recruitment of Coalition Members
 1. Looking for new members. They meet the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30 PM.
 - ii. Youth Coalition
 1. Schedule around days & times that work for the students
 - a. Still trying to recruit more youth to join the BPAC coalition and start a youth coalition (grades 8-12).
 2. Youth Internship Program with BPAC
 - a. Youth's would be able to spend time with different members of the coalition and see what happens throughout Burrillville.
 - b. Destiny Ceesay offered to put in an announcement at BHS to help recruit.
 - c. Raechel will put an announcement in at BMS
 - d. Monica will send out info to schools to add to newsletters.
 3. Burrillville was awarded the Tobacco Free Teen Alliance Grant through RIDOH
 - a. December 1, 2018 – November 30, 2019
 - b. Youth Stipends: \$10/wk for 20 weeks (up to 10 youth)
 4. Mock Trial – “explore the topic of distracted driving at a deeper level this year, litigating a case based on distracted driving”
 - a. Wednesday, October 24th 8am – 1:15pm @ Crowne Plaza
 - b. Let Monica know if you'd like to attend.
 - c. Dr. Alba from BHS will be bringing students.
 - iii. Prescription Drug Take Back Day – Saturday, October 27, 2018
 1. Two Locations: Burrillville PD and Pascoag FD 10:00 AM -2:00 PM
 - b. Michelle Harter

- i. List of Accomplishments
 - ii. Mass Mailing
 - 1. Addiction flyer went to every household in Burrillville
 - iii. Providing training on Mental Health & Substance Use throughout October
 - 1. Michelle will be training integrated mental health and substance abuse recovery coaches.
 - 2. Late afternoon and early morning hours
 - iv. Partnership with WellOne
 - 1. Going great!
- c. John Mattson
 - i. Summary of Coalition Member Survey Summary
 - 1. May/June 2016 & September 2018
 - 2. 16 people took the survey
 - 3. Points included:
 - a. People feel they can talk freely and work well in groups
 - b. Decline in number of people who serve on committees (possibly create a standing Policy Committee)
 - c. Most people on committee either live or work here
 - d. Three areas where we need more:
 - i. Faith based
 - ii. Students
 - iii. Parents/Parent Groups
 - e. Decline – less volunteers and more people here because of what they do/who they're involved with (police/fire/school)
 - f. 50% of members felt their abilities are effectively used in the coalition
 - g. Members aren't concerned about conflicts happening in meetings
 - h. Perceived synergy is very good
 - i. Strengths include hiring Monica and Michelle
 - j. 100% of membership agreed that BPAC will achieve its goals

5. Reports

- a. School
 - i. Mike Sollitto noted that BHS is working on "High Five Fridays" - clubs are going to elementary schools to greet kids getting off the bus.
 - ii. After school robotics club collaboration from elementary through middle and high.
 - iii. Alex thanked Monica for attending Broncopalooza
 - iv. Alex heads up the district health and wellness committee. Next meeting is Oct. 16th 5:30 at BHS. She'd love to have some collaboration between them and BPAC.
 - v. Monica heads up the SADD group at BMS and has also been teaching Project Alert at BMS. They had a successful 6th grade dance 2 weeks ago.
- b. Police

- i. Col. Lynch thanked the Town Council for approving the budgets for both programs through January, 2020.
 - ii. Oct. 23rd is the BPD awards ceremony. All are invited.
 - iii. Oct. 24th Lt. Riendeau and Sgt. Hughes will be recognized by the RI Attorney Generals Award for the work they did with the DropBox incident of 2017.
 - iv. 4 arrests at BHS for vaping.
 - v. Officer Beauchemin met with students from all four grades at BHS. He's informed students that if caught vaping, they'll be arrested. He and Monica also met with parents at Open House this year.
- c. Fire
 - i. Tom Smith started a community health initiative for expecting parents called *Safe Landings*. – Teaching parents infant CPR/safe home/car seat safety.
 - ii. Getting information out to youth needs to happen in more areas other than the Bargain Buyer.
 - iii. It was suggested to get more coaches involved in BPAC.
 - iv. It was also suggested to get the Burrillville Bugle in the schools as well.
- 6. Other Announcements
 - a. RI Prevention Conference: Brain-Based Approaches to Prevention
 - i. January 10, 2019 – CCRI Warwick
 - b. Ray Trinqué suggested putting together a list of community services in Burrillville. Michelle and Monica will put the list together.
 - c. John Pacheco thanked the students for coming and hopes they will continue to come.
 - d. Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 7th, 2018 at 5:00pm at Burrillville Police Headquarters

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.