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Minutes – March 5, 2019

7:00 p.m., Islip High School Community Room

ATTENDEES: See sign-in sheet (copy attached)

Sub-committee meetings for Fundraising and Game Night were held prior to the meeting.

6:56 p.m. Meeting opened

6:59 p.m. Minutes from the February 5, 2019 meeting reviewed and approved as written.

Financial reports shared. Only expenditure since the February meeting was funding for an assembly program at Islip Middle School on Friday, March 15th.

REPORTS:

Per a request made prior to the meeting, reports were given out of agenda order.

PROJECT COORDINATOR – Mrs. Whitehouse shared more about the assembly mentioned in the financial report. She explained that the presenter would be Stephen Hill, who would discuss vaping and drug use with the students.

She also provided a follow up on the 100 Minutes of Movement event on February 13th. It was a huge success, with about 125 students in attendance. Both Athletes Helping Athletes and the National Junior Honor Society provided volunteers who did a wonderful job. The DJ hired from the event was a local family in the community.

SCPD – Officers from the 305 car stopped by the meeting while on patrol. They noted that Shamrock Gas Station has been pretty quiet, adding that they had lost their license to sell alcohol, cigarettes, and tobacco products for a while for selling vape and alcohol products to kids. The officers also discussed the issue of kids on bicycles and quads riding in the streets.

REPORTS:

- **CO-PROJECT DIRECTORS** – Dr. Martin shared the results of the parent surveys from the 100 Minutes of Movement event. Only 20 parents responded, despite Ms. Hall, Mrs. Dengeles, and Mrs. Vouris putting the survey right in front of the parents and encouraging them to respond. The survey was digital, quick, and only 15 questions, and anything that could possibly be done to get parents to participate was tried. Nonetheless, the event itself was very successful. The next hurdle is how to get the adults in our community to provide feedback.

Mrs. Vouris was unable to attend, but her written report was provided for everyone to review.

- **YOUTH COORDINATOR** – Mr. Modica reported that the Game Night permission slips have been distributed. So far, about 35 students from CRES have registered. The event is on Friday, March 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Approximately 70-80 goodie bags are already stuffed. Ms. Hall and Mr. Modica will stuff more one day after school. High school and middle school students have stepped forward to volunteer to help at the event. A sign-up sheet was also passed around for any Coalition members interested in assisting that evening.

Mr. Modica and Ms. Hall will also speak to students at the American Legion about vaping. They will meet with Joan Smith to finalize the details on Wednesday, March 13th. It is anticipated that a couple dozen scouts (boys and girls) will be at the event, which is at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27th. The plan is to take a proactive approach. They will also share resources, in the form of extra goodie bags, with the students.

- **SUBSTANCE ABUSE SPECIALIST** – Ms. Hall shared that Brandy Amodio has joined the Coalition as a representative of the Health Care sector. She is an LCSW.

Ms. Hall has also planned an assembly for Islip High School on Thursday, May 30th. Dr. Stephen Dewey will speak to students in grades 9-12 about teen health and the teen brain.

POST PROM – Mr. Austin updated the Coalition on the progress with Post Prom. The committee is building like crazy. If it stays on track, all building should be completed by May. Build nights will switch from Wednesdays to Thursdays. The major set up day for Post Prom has been switched from Friday, June 21st to Thursday, June 20th due to a scheduling conflict. As a reminder, this year's theme is Glow in the Dark.

Fundraising for the event is ongoing, with the latest effort being a box raffle for two tickets to see *Hamilton* in July. One hundred boxes will be available for \$30 each (valuing between \$2,000-\$3,000).

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Game Night, March 22nd** – Discussed during reports
- **100 Minutes of Activity** – Discussed during reports
- **Coalition Involvement Agreements (CIAs)** – We now have agreements signed for 11 of the 12 required sectors. Mrs. Carr will get a representative from Syntax to sign for the Media sector.
- **7 Habits Teacher Training** – Dr. Semel shared that the training on the 7 Habits of Healthy Kids training will be held on March 18th, a Superintendent’s Conference Day in the District. That morning will be devoted to the training of teachers. Lead teachers will be considered ambassadors of the program, as will the mental health staff and administrators. This will be a full day of social emotional training to teachers about the students.
- **Fundraising Committee** – Ms. Mayott and Dr. Martin co-chaired the sub-committee meeting this evening. Ms. Mayott contacted Northwell Health and Youth Enrichment Services (YES), and both will partner with IDEA to do a fundraiser. Details will follow. The partnership is a good way to get our name out there and bring more people to our group and events.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Legislative Updates** – Suffolk County Legislator Tom Cilmi shared that the governor is very pro legalizing marijuana, but is experiencing a lot of push back. The County Legislature is working to ban the sale of flavored e-liquid. There has not been a lot of organized opposition to this.
- **Upcoming Event** – The Massapequa Takes Action Coalition (MTAC) is hosting “Marijuana Legalization: Lessons Learned from Colorado” on Thursday, March 14th. The featured speaker at this program is the Deputy Coordinator of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)’s National Marijuana Initiative. The program, which will highlight the evolving impacts marijuana legalization is having on public health and safety in Colorado and other states, including black market sales and other repercussions, begins at 7:00 p.m. at Massapequa High School Auditorium. (More information can be found on [MTAC’s event page.](#))

CLOSING REMARKS/ADJOURNMENT

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9th.

7:55 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.