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IDEA TASK FORCE

Minutes – November 7, 2016

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

Islip Public Schools
Board of Education
Central Office Administration
Islip Association of School Administrators
Islip Teachers Association
Islip School Security
Islip High School Students
Wing School PTA
Commack Road School PTA
Sherwood School PTA
Islip Middle School PTA
Islip High School PTSA
Islip SEPTA
Islip Booster Club
Islip Friends of the Arts

Great South Bay YMCA

Islip Chamber of Commerce

Islip Fire Department

Islip North Community Watch

Islip Presbyterian Church

KIC-Keep Islip Clean

North Shore/LIJ Southside Hospital

Old South Islip Civic Association

Rotary Club of the Islip's

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

South Islip Community Watch

South Shore Community Organization

South Saxon Community Watch

Suffolk County Police Department
Third Precinct COPE Unit

Suffolk Co. Legislature – 10th
Legislative District

Syntax Communication

Trinity Lutheran Church

The Islip Elks Lodge #2533

Youth Enrichment Services

7:00 Mrs. Paehr opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. by welcoming all and had each member introduce themselves. After a brief history of the IDEA Task Force, she moved on to reports, beginning with the minutes of the November 7, 2016 meeting.

- **POST PROM** – Mr. Phelan shared the Post Prom was present at the Islip Street Fair and was able to secure donations. He is meeting with the high school (class officers and admin) to see what theme they would like for this year's Post Prom. Typically, it has been done through the distribution of a survey during English classes to have all seniors weigh in.
- **PROJECT DIRECTOR** – Mrs. Vouris shared the mission of CADCA and noted that she and Mrs. Pennington will be attending training in DC on December 4-6. All filings for the grant have been put in motion. Too Good for Drugs, through YES, has already begun in grades 5 and 7. We registered for membership in CADCA (\$300) through our ECAF account. She noted that webinars are available for all, and they will be posted on the new website. Also, resources and such can be translated through our new Cultural Liaison, and she will be available at parent and student events.
- **PROJECT COORDINATOR** – Mrs. Pennington shared the activities for Red Ribbon Week/Opioid Prevention Week. A fact a day was provided over the PA system in the MS and HS. Truth About Drugs video was shown to grades 7 and 8. Sixth graders created a bulletin board using minions. Steven Hill presented "Speak Sobriety" to 7th and 8th graders. E-cigarette information will be used in health classes. Also, a Resource Guide for Parents for Suicide Prevention was created.
- **SUBSTANCE ABUSE SPECIALIST** – Ms. Hall spoke about Red Ribbon Week and how students participated. Our mentoring program now has 30 mentees and 30 mentors. They had "ice-breaking" activities through painting pumpkins. Mentors debrief monthly with mentee check-ins more often. She noted that the Army will join us for events.
- **CHRIS HERREN PROJECT**: Mr. Carballo, Islip North Community Watch, shared the update on the joint presentation. He has a Facebook page set up to get the word out. It was discussed that the high school students should be

surveyed using technology. It was suggested to have breakout sessions after the school day presentation to facilitate interaction with school personnel.

- **YOUTH COORDINATOR:** In Mr. Modica's absence, Mrs. Schnebel shared information on Game Night, our new website, Open Gym at the high school, a joint venture with Amityville HS, and including our mentees in Career Shadow Day.

Sub-Committees: Mrs. Paehr shared the sign up for sub-committees and we went through what the purpose of each was. Forms were collected and a chart will be created for the project team.

Questions & Concerns: The group discussed prevention activities and the importance of starting at the early grades for parents, particularly with social media and drinking. It was shared that the district is doing Social Media Boot Camp on Monday, November 21st for parents/students who attend our Winter Sports Parents Night.

Mrs. Paehr shared the upcoming meeting dates, and the meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Items shared: Project Director's report; Youth Coordinator's report; Suicide Resource; IDEA budget; NYSSBA – *On Board* newsletter article