

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023

The Community Engagement Committee met in the Board Room at the Administrative Center on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Jon Wadsworth.

Physically Present: Margo Empen, Kathleen Schaefer, Jon Wadsworth, Amy Scott, John Tate, Grace Shoemaker-Fenwick, Ryan Miller, Sarah Purlee, Gretchen Fulton, Donna Glover, Mary Oros, Jean Spohn, Joey Sagel (arrived 4:05 p.m.) and Victoria Bowers.

Electronically present: None

Absent: Kent Sorenson and Deidre Thomas

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The group reviewed the May 16th minutes.

A motion was made by Ryan Miller, and seconded by Gretchen Fulton, to approve the May 16, 2023, meeting minutes. By voice vote, all were favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Continue discussing the next steps on Social Emotional Learning resources & services

Items discussed - creating student ambassadors at DHS and deciding when and where to have them meet; Mrs. Empen stated the counselors and social workers provided her a list of local SEL resources and she shared this information with the group; talked about internal resources – one being Sinnissippi – how does the Sinnissippi counseling gets initiated; it would be beneficial to get the information out about Sinnissippi in the schools; social workers in the buildings and how they meet with groups and individual students; publicizing this information; is there a wait time for the services; and using social media or develop an app.

Mrs. Empen had a shared list that the group can utilize. Discussed creating sub committees – one that can work on internal resources and one that works on external resources and gather a list of questions to ask when calling the places that provide services.

A list of questions discussed – name, services offered, costs, waiting time, insurance, location(s), contact information, if referrals are needed, offer services to adults or adolescents, and virtual services – a website.

Jon asked for volunteers to be on the internal or external groups and have someone be the chairperson for each group.

Internal – Amy Scott, Sarah Purlee, Margo Empen, and John Tate

External – Victoria Bowers, Jean Spohn, Ryan Miller Gretchen Fulton, and Donna Glover

Mary Oros volunteered to contact LOTS to see about transportation if needed.

It was suggested talking to Sauk Valley Media about an idea of doing something for the Dixon Living magazine.

Next steps

Mrs. Empen will update the spreadsheet and get out to the volunteers.

Grace Shoemaker-Fenwick will check on DHS students who might be willing to be on this committee.

Looking at a freshman and it was suggested maybe even an 8th grader.

Set agenda for next meeting

Have complete spreadsheets to share with the group and discuss the presentation of how to get the word out.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Engagement Committee will be Tues., Nov. 14, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Amy Scott, and seconded by Victoria Bowers, to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

All were in favor.