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make positive choices

Communities That Care of Greater Downingtown Coalition Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 15th, 2016 ~ 12:30-1:30 pm – Downingtown Borough Hall - Annex

Attendees: Libby Egnaczyk (Director), Tina Forsythe (DASD), Judy Haupt (LATO), Casey Jones (Transformation Initiative), Katie Holton (CVC/CC AVOID), Kathleen Nine-Scott (Retreat Addiction Centers), Keri Brooks (COAD/SFP), Tisha Brown (CVC), Pia DiSanto (DASD Joint Home and School/parent), Chris Benzing (CTC BOA), JaimeLynn Curley (P2P Ambassador BH), Cynthia Black (President CTC BOA)

Welcome & Introductions: Libby welcomed all and reminded folks to sign in

Approval of October Minutes: Cynthia made motion to approve and Pia seconded. The motion to approve October's minutes passed unanimously.

Guest Speaker/Workgroups: Today, the group talked candidly about current programs and initiatives CTC has begun for the year. Just to mention a few:

- Media Literacy – historically facilitated by Holcomb Behavioral Health at Marsh Creek 6th Grade Center in the spring. Funding not available this coming year, but we will determine if we can still plan without.
- Post Prom positive media message – will again be done in the spring – this year, we will include the Junior class.
- The 2016 Downingtown Christmas Parade – planned for 12/10 – notification went out to all 7th graders, but interest is low at present time. Will determine if need to cancel.
- Parent 2 Parent school ambassadors have sent one newsletter to date – next is due out early December. Its theme is Modeling Good Behavior.
- SFP – currently running at Beaver Creek with 10 families.
- The question to bring back Big Brothers/Big Sisters was brought up. We are exploring this program, but would need a coordinator to run with it if brought back to Downingtown

Judy respectfully asked to have kids take a 10-question pre-survey to be used during Dr. Clara Perkins speaking date for our January meeting. If she can provide us with the questions, we will solicit 10 random students for feedback to be used during her presentation.

The question was raised as to why we no longer have a SADD chapter in the school district. Tina mentioned that West has hung on to theirs, but they are not currently active. Again, if interest and a volunteer to champion, we can research how this could be restarted. SADD groups have proved successful at many schools across the nation!

BOA Update: Cynthia gave the group a brief overview of what is going on at the Board level. The first annual fundraiser dinner was a huge success – the impact video will be put on the website shortly and we will share with all the PowerPoint presentation.

Libby mentioned that the Community Assessment Report is ready to be sent to Key Leaders within the community. It will also be shared with the coalition.

Resources (needs and wants)/Community Announcements: covered in above discussions today

Next CTC Meeting – is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20th, 2016 from 12:30-1:30. We will be back at DASD Central Office – Staff Room B

**This our annual POTLUCK LUNCHEON.
Please bring something to share. Hope to see
you then!**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

