

Preston Youth Services Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 18, 2022
4:30 p.m.
Teleconference

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Melissa Lennon - Chair
Amanda Phelps – Vice Chair
Kasey Peek- Secretary
Zachary Robinson – Youth Rep.
Resident State Trooper Sean Bresnan – Police Rep.
Jessica Boucher – School Rep.
Vacant – Youth Org. Rep.
Rachel Tucker – Community Member
Vacant – Community Member

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier – BoS liaison
Dr. Roy Seitsinger – PPS liaison
Dr. Ivy Davis-Tomczuk – PPS liaison
Ray Bernier – PPS liaison

Amy Brosnan – Youth Services Director

2. Public Comment

3. Approve Meeting Minutes

- a. March 16, 2022 – Regular Meeting
- b. May 12, 2022 – Special Meeting

4. Correspondence

5. PYSB Financial Report

6. Resignations, Vacancies, & Appointments

- a. Vacancies – a Preston youth organization representative, & a community member

7. Local Prevention Council Grant (CT Mental Health)

- a. Grants
 - i. \$2875.50 with vaping focus this year

1. Hidden in Plain Sight – for adults to recognize risky teen behaviors (drugs/alcohol/vaping) & how to respond:

<https://www.cappct.org/hips>

- a. virtual bedroom (60-75 minutes) @ \$600/500
- b. in-person bedroom (90-120 mins.) @ \$800/700

ii. other ideas

- b. Establish Preston Prevention Council – can be done within PYSAB

8. PYSAB: Programming Ideas

a. Enrichment/Education

- i. Banking classes – Chelsea Groton Savings
- ii. Garden – school or community
- iii. Library Passes for Families to various museums, etc.
 1. Boston Children’s Museum; Boston, MA: \$700
 - a. 50% off admission for up to four people
 2. Boston Museum of Science; Boston, MA: \$700
 - a. Dated coupons for 50% off admission for up to four people
 3. The Children’s Museum of West Hartford; West Hartford, CT: \$125
 - a. BOGO admission to Children’s Museum and Roaring Brook Nature Center with maximum of four free guests (planetarium shows not included)
 4. Concord Museum; Concord, MA: \$200
 - a. \$5 off regular admission for up to four people
 5. Denison Pequot Nature Center; Mystic, CT:
 - a. Free admission for up to five people
 - b. Preston Public Library has a pass
 6. Dinosaur State Park; Rocky Hill, CT:
 - a. Free admission for 2 adults and 4 children (12 and under)
 - b. Preston Public Library has a pass

7. The EcoTarium; Worcester, MA: \$250 (a) OR \$350 (b)
 - a. 75 coupons for 50% off admission for up to two adults and two children
 - b. 150 coupons for 50% off admission for up to two adults and two children
 - c. Does not include admission to Explorer Express Train or Planetarium
8. Gillette Castle State Park; East Haddam, CT:
 - a. Free admission for two adults and four children (12 and under)
 - b. Preston Public Library has a pass
9. Institute for American Indian Studies; Washington, CT: \$50
 - a. 50% off admission for up to 5 people and 10% off at the gift shop
10. Kids Play Children's Museum; Torrington, CT: \$150
 - a. 50% off admission for up to 6 people, with access to Membership mornings from 9-10 a.m. on Thursdays
11. Lutz Children's Museum; Manchester, CT: \$200 for calendar year
 - a. 50% off admission for up to six people
 - b. Pass price is prorated if purchasing after January 1; May price: \$133
12. Mashantucket Pequot Museum; Ledyard, CT: \$250 (a) OR \$350 (b)
 - a. 2 membership cards for 50% off admission for 2 adults and 2 youth OR 1 adult and 3 youth
 - b. 2 membership cards for free admission for 2 adults and 2 youth OR 1 adult and 3 youth
13. Mystic Seaport; Mystic, CT:
 - a. Seven day-specific passes; 50% off admission for 2 adults and 3 children

- b. Preston Public Library has a pass
- 14. New England Aquarium; Boston, MA: \$650
 - a. Dated coupons for 50% off admission for up to four people
- 15. Niantic Children's Museum; Niantic, CT:
 - a. Admits up to four people for half price
 - b. Preston Public Library has a pass
- 16. Old Sturbridge Village; Sturbridge, MA: \$400
 - a. Five passes for 50% off standard daytime admission for up to four people
- 17. Plimoth Patuxet Museums; Plymouth, MA: \$500
 - a. 200 vouchers: admission for up to six people at \$16 for adults and \$10 for children (12 and under) [50% off]
- 18. Roger Williams Zoo; Providence, RI: \$250
 - a. Seven day-specific codes that give \$3 discount per online purchase of daytime admission ticket for up to four people
- 19. Sacred Heart University Discovery Science Center and Planetarium; Bridgeport, CT: \$150
 - a. Up to four free children (All Access Media Pass) with one paid adult
- 20. Southwick Zoo; Mendon, MA: \$1,250 minimum
 - a. Tickets \$25/each with required purchase of 50
- 21. Stamford Museum and Nature Center; Stamford, CT: \$110
- 22. Worcester Art Museum; Worcester, MA: \$250
 - a. 4 passes: 50% off admission for up to two adults & children (17 and under) are free
- 23. Beardsley Zoo; Bridgeport, CT:
 - iv. Mentors for Teens
 - v. Safe Driving Class for Teens
 - vi. Summer Programming – sponsor camps or activities

1. Palooza (June 1st) – pass out vaping information
2. Summer Sizzler (June 21st) -
3. Middle School Camp/Teen Adventure Camp – possibly CT Summer Enrichment Grant
4. Music & Movement type programming for birth to five
5. other

b. Mental Health

- i. Awareness – NAMI Presentations
- ii. Counseling
- iii. Girls Group – funding for culminating activity
- iv. Support Groups - NAMI

c. Non-sport activities

- i. Board Game Club
 1. consider purchasing games for the club
 2. compensation/gift to Randy for leading the group
- ii. Book Club
- iii. Gaming Night – Fortnite, RoBlox, etc.
- iv. Loom Knitting – Jennifer Ihloff (Cow Bell)
- v. Mommy & Me playgroup (birth to five)
- vi. Simple Computer Programming for kids
- vii. Youth Group for middle school/high school (meet monthly)

d. other

9. PYSAB: Programming for 2021-2022

a. Ongoing:

- i. Hire A Teen
- ii. Intergenerational Pen Pals

b. Fall:

- i. Purchase of Story Walk Boards at Preston Community Park
- ii. Purchase of Mental Health books for Preston Public Library

- iii. Babysitting Course (November 13th)
- c. Winter:
 - i. Presents for Preston – 20 kids were sponsored
 - ii. Stuff a Cruiser – collected toys, socks, slippers, & blankets
 - iii. Art from the Heart – 25 kids made reindeer for distribution to seniors
 - iv. Board Games Club – 6 weeks, grades 6-12, started Feb. 22 from 6-8 p.m.
- d. Spring:
 - i. Babysitting Course – Sunday, April 10th
 - ii. Art from the Heart
 - iii. Chelsea Groton Banking Classes – middle school “money sense” (April 5th) & high school “checking vs. savings” (April 12th)
 - iv. NAMI “Ending the Silence” – 3 virtual presentations: high school (April 7th), PPMS (April 11th), parents (April 14th)
 - v. Internet Safety Concepts classes with Scott Driscoll – in person for students and virtually for parents (May 19th)
 - vi. Girls Circle: “Body Image” – M/W for 5 weeks starting May 2nd
- e. Summer:
 - i. Sponsor Art Camp & Slime Camp for grades 1-6 the week before and after tradition Parks & Rec Summer Camp with subsidy of \$150 per Preston child up to 25 per camp

10. Public Comment

11. Adjournment

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.