

IDEA TASK FORCE COALITION MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION
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IDEA TASK FORCE

Minutes – February 6, 2017

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

KIC-Keep Islip Clean

North Shore/LIJ Southside Hospital

Old South Islip Civic Association

Presbyterian Church of Islip

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

7:01 Mrs. Paehr opened the meeting.

The minutes from the December 5th IDEA meeting and the December 5th Game Night Sub-Committee meeting were approved.

POST-PROM:

Mr. Phalen reported that the DJ and Game Show vendors' contracts are being reviewed by legal counsel. The June 21st event's theme will be the beach/boardwalk. Props and such will be needed for authenticity. Mrs. Schnebel reached out to the five PTA Presidents for assistance, volunteers, and donations. Mr. Phalen requested their email addresses to reach out to them. He is hoping to get a parent representative from grades 9, 10, & 11. The Five Guys fundraiser will be shifted from Hauppauge to Bay Shore with the newly opened store. They are also looking to do an Arts 'n' Crafts night and potentially a Movie Night at the theater on Main Street as fundraisers. We discussed donation letters and the flow and double recordkeeping. It was noted that Flowers by Chazz (florist) continues to be a wonderful benefactor for Post Prom.

REPORTS:

- **PROJECT DIRECTOR** – CADCA training in DC was wonderful and our IDEA team did three presentations for other coalitions. Mrs. Vouris is getting ready for this year's Bach Harrison Survey (grades 6, 8, & 10). It was suggested that we have an exit survey for the Chris Herren presentations. Ms. Vouris will set up Narcan training if needed for renewals. Mrs. Paehr asked for possible dates.
- **PROJECT COORDINATOR** – Ninety-one 8th graders have received training on e-cigarettes in their health classes through lessons given by Mrs. Pennington and the health teacher, Mr. Smith. Mrs. Pennington shared that the students think 'they're cool.' She is working with the team on Game Night and has arranged for SCPD to visit health classes in April to talk about the heroin epidemic.
- **YOUTH COORDINATOR:**
 - YMCA is set and ready to take about 20 students from 2:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. We are awaiting confirmation of free transportation from STS.

- Game Night is on Friday, March 10th and Mr. Modica is meeting with the principals and teachers in SES/CRES (grade 5) to promote the evening. He shared the flyer and registration sheet. Students in grades 5-8 will play organized games and have access to a play area for ping-pong, can jam, knock hockey, video games (YES), etc. Pizza, water, and snacks, along with a goodie bag is just \$5. We have Frisbees and glow necklaces left over from last year. Community Connectors will begin to gather donations. All resources provided that evening will be translated by our Cultural Liaison.
- The new website was revealed and is impressive. We will finalize and push it out when all resources are double-checked. This is a work in progress and can be upgraded/edited at any time.
- **SUBSTANCE ABUSE SPECIALIST** – Ms. Hall surveyed the students in the mentoring program to get a “checkpoint” on its effectiveness. She shared some student statements. Our student IDEA reps visited community stores (Deli, Bubbas, etc.) to publicize the Chris Herren event. Officer Sabrina Pitch will be in the HS to do an assembly on anti-bias.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Chris Heren: The evening event is completely booked and there are no tickets available. We are offering limited refreshments, resource tables (about five) and will need volunteers for set-up/clean-up. Funding has been secured through Rotary, Senator Boyle/North Community Watch Grant, and a donation from the Chamber of Commerce for wristbands. Autographed basketballs will be raffled off.
- Data/Evaluation: Mrs. O’Callaghan shared our activity sheet to document our actions. She will work with Mrs. Vouris to complete mandated reports.
- Action Plan: Mrs. Schnebel will continue with the 12 month action plan.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Flynn is securing a date and time with the SCPD canine handler for a visit to the high school.
- Melanie Holz (YES) is looking to partner with us and the Sheriff’s Department for a SHED the MEDS on a Saturday in April from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 401 Main Street. Our Community Connectors will help
- We are asking Commissioner Sini if he has a brief video on the Social Host Law for us to share with parents, as well as a document with his seal to be sent home to juniors and seniors before prom. We will also look into signs to be displayed in the community at prom time.
- We have secured a bad weather make-up date for the ITSBA meeting that was cancelled in January. Commissioner Sini and the IDEA will present on the opioid epidemic in Islip at the group’s March 27th meeting at Islip Middle School

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.