IDEA TASK FORCE

Minutes – April 4, 2017
7:00 p.m.; Islip High School Community Room

7:03 Meeting opened by Mrs. Paehr with a welcome and introductions.

The minutes from the February 6, 2017 IDEA meeting were approved. Mrs. Paehr noted and thanked Mrs. Carr for all of her work as our unofficial secretary.

REPORTS:

- **PROJECT DIRECTOR** – In Mrs. Vouris’ absence, Ms. Hall shared information on the CADCA training that she and Mrs. Vouris attended in Tampa. Training included IDEA completing two out of five tasks – Community Assessment and Logic Model. Our assessment model is on target due to stakeholder participation and student involvement. Ms. Hall shared several training activities and would like to bring one to our next meeting. She also noted that our protective factors are high. She suggested we do TIPs training for commercial businesses. *(Mrs. Vouris emailed her Project Director’s report, which is attached.)*

- **PROJECT COORDINATOR** – Game Night was well attended (140+) and surveys were distributed to gather effectiveness data from the participants. It was discussed that in the future we need to do a “public service announcement” lesson with the students before the fun takes place. The length of the event will be shortened to two hours. Photos and an article are on the District website.
  - On 3/27/17 Suffolk County Police Commissioner Sini addressed the Islip Town School Boards Association and shared his work with gang violence, drinking, traffic accidents, opioid/drug epidemic. He noted Islip’s partnership with SCPD and our commitment to the health and safety of our students. We will reach out to his office to inquire if there are any future projects we can partner on with them.

- **YOUTH COORDINATOR** – Mr. Modica shared a brief video of our work with Amityville High School. Amityville will visit Islip on May 17th. We again reviewed our re-designed website and will take it live this week with an announcement on the district website. Basketball on Tuesdays is back and running now that the gym is available. With further discussions on Game Night, Mr. Modica is suggesting two next year – one indoor and one outdoor on the fields so parents may watch.
• **SUBSTANCE ABUSE SPECIALIST** – Ms. Hall shared our Tolerance & Acceptance Assembly by SCPD on 4/3/17 for students in grades 9 and 10. Mrs. Schnebel noted that VIBS is doing an assembly later in the spring to discuss dating, date rape, laws, etc. It is our hope to bring them into health classes next year as an on-going lesson.

Mrs. Schnebel also met with Outreach, and they are interested in becoming a stakeholder and will provide free workshops for students and parents.

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

• **Post Prom** – There will be a fundraiser at the local movie theater on Saturday, April 8th (see attached flyer). Mrs. Schnebel forwarded the flyer to all PTAs for electronic distribution and will get flyers to the local pre-schools and YES. Five Guys fundraiser will move to Bay Shore with a TBD date.

• **Chris Herren:** The event was reviewed along with results from both the student assembly and evening event. (see attached). We will meet to review and plan for the continuation for next year. Mrs. Goveia shared the Rotary Clubs across Long Island have already committed to future funding. It was suggested that for any future events we have a one page brochure with resources for parents. We discussed more work in educating our younger students. Mrs. Schnebel will share Too Good for Drugs, our classroom curriculum through YES, at our next meeting.

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**

• For our next meeting we will have two breakout groups – Policy Change & Enforcement and Awareness, Education & Advocacy – to work on goals for next year. These were noted at the CADCA training as being priorities. To facilitate the process, Mrs. Schnebel will send information to the stakeholders so they may be prepared.

Mrs. Paehr concluded the meeting at 8:37 p.m. and asked that the breakout sessions and CADCA training activity be on our next agenda.