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IDEA TASK FORCE
Minutes – May 1, 2017
7:00 p.m.; Islip High School Community Room

7:03 p.m. Meeting opened by Mrs. Paehr with a welcome and introductions, as we had new participants.

The minutes from the April 4, 2017 meeting were approved.

REPORTS:
To expedite the meeting reports, Mrs. Paehr asked for verbal highlights as written reports were submitted (see attached). This was to allow for training activity and committee work.

- **PROJECT DIRECTOR** – Next CADCA training session is May 21-25. Bach Harrison survey for grades 6, 8, and 10 was ordered and will be administered before end of year. DFC reports have been submitted.

- **PROJECT COORDINATOR** – Mrs. Pennington and Mr. Modica met to review Game Night and collected student exit surveys. Several stakeholders are attending a conference at WSBOCES on May 18th, including our Project Director and Coordinator. CADCA training session three in August.
  o Mrs. Paehr briefly shared preliminary results of the Game Night surveys. She will provide a full report with a breakdown by grade level. 80% of the surveys returned (75) classified the event as ‘outstanding’ with 96% rating it ‘good to outstanding.’ Students liked to see former friends from Wing. The full report will be forwarded to all electronically upon completion.

- **YOUTH COORDINATOR** – Our website will be up and running this week. Any new resources/items can be easily uploaded and linked. Basketball on Tuesday nights continues and the High School Exchange with Amityville is scheduled for May 17th.

- **SUBSTANCE ABUSE SPECIALIST** – Ms. Hall shared a children’s book, “The Power of Choice,” which can be used for Red Ribbon Week. The author is local and will do readings. Our IHS School Business Partnership invited IDEA as a resource table for a Medical Career Day coming up in the fall. Ms. Hall did a CADCA mapping activity with the stakeholders. The data will be culled and used to set objectives for next year. They will also be shared at the meeting with the DFC people in June. Ms. Hall also called the Cancel the Keg hotline on a party.
SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Post Prom – Fundraisers are going well (movie, bicycle raffle, Five Guys – 5/17). Food has been arranged.

TRAINING & INFORMATION

- Mrs. Schnebel brought copies of the Too Good for Drugs (researched-based program) curriculum guide for grades 5 and 7 to share the objectives. She also shared a copy of the student workbook. This program is provided through YES.
- A resource sheet on cyber-vocabulary was shared. This showed phrases and words used online and in text messages along with their translations.
- Shed the Meds – Saturday, May 6th; 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at 401 Main Street, Islip

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Stakeholders broke into two groups to identify resolutions/actions (see attached).

8:55 p.m. Closing remarks/meeting adjourned
Awareness, Education & Advocacy:

Highlights:
- Visit stores and put stickers up about not serving minors
- Possibly reach out to beer distributors as kegs leave a paper trail
- Letters sent to local vendors, such as 7-11, where younger students are seen asking older ones to purchase
- Have students write letters to those at-risk areas/places based on mapping activity
- Education – TIPS training
- Add resources to MS, CRES, & SES newsletters
- When new families register their children in Islip, give them information/resources from IDEA
- FIST Training is on May 11th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. RSVP Anthony Rissuto, 516-316-6387
- Reinforce partnerships with PTA, Booster Club, FOA

Policy Change & Enforcement:

Highlights:
- Discussed mandatory parent/student meeting before proms
- Shared that HS called Cancel the Keg; party still happening. Legislator Cilmi was going to call SCPD.
- Discussed annual review of Code of Conduct and Superintendent’s Roundtable efforts with DASA and e-cigarettes/vape pens
- Discussed drug/alcohol-based Superintendent Hearings and recommendations for outside treatment. When warranted, district does full psych/ed evaluation (mental, health concerns).
- Discussed signage for Drug/Alcohol-Free Zones and law that does not support legal repercussions.
- Discussed public events, such as Islip FD, Islip Street Fair, parades, etc. where alcohol is being consumed. Preference is for adult-only areas and no strolling with beer bottles/Solo cups. Will look into permits granted by Town.