

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
December 20, 2016

Members Present

Cleve Bryan, Chair
Marge Canning, GCIT
Terry Levins, DWD
Sandy Uhr, GCIT
Brian Carey, WDB Staff

Tom Bianco, Co-Chair
Laurie Haldeman, GCIT
Kim Alexander, GCIT
Gregory Wright, GCIT

Members Absent

Rudy Aikens, GC Human Services
Kim Gober, GC Housing Authority
Dr. W. King, FBO
Leona Mather, Youth Parent
Natalie Perez, DWD
Marie Rafter, GC Probation
Sharon Rosado, Abilities Solutions
Stacey Smith, DVRS
Robert Taylor, Boys & Girls Club
Bridget DiGiambattista, WDB Staff

Jessica Froba, NJJC
Andrea Guzman, DVRS
Erin Klein, Robins Nest
Mien Mombo, Dept. of Children & Family
Susan Perron, Abilities Solutions
John Rasmus, GC Housing Authority
Michelle Shirey, WDB Director
Kristen Tahaney, Center for Family Services
Kimberly Webster, NJ Corps

Visitor

Ceron Taylor, Student

Cleve opened the meeting at 2:00 pm.

A motion to approve September 20, 2016 minutes was made by T. Bianco, S. Uhr.

Student Report

Reported his experience has been great, he likes the smaller, individual setting. He plans on attending college.

Youth Advisory Committee

Ceron reported the committee met on Oct. 18, 5 students were present. They discussed community service clean-up project. On Oct. 20 the student raked, pulled weeds and collected trash around Hawks Deli in Wenonah.

The committee met on Nov. 15, 5 students were present. They discussed food drive being held during November for migrant and McKinney-Vento homeless students. Fall cleanup was held Nov. 16 was held at Youth Career & Education Ctr. On Nov. 18 the food items collected over the month were dropped off at Special Projects office at GCIT.

The committee met on Dec. 6, students were present. A new chairperson was nominated. They discussed December community service project to make snowman door hangers for Shady Lane residents, they made 2 dozen. Upcoming community services projects include ongoing dog chew toys for January and story time at Bankbridge Development Center in February.

Status

Sandy provided status reports for Sept., Oct., & Nov. They currently have 7 students enrolled, 2 student certified in November, 4 certified in October, and 4 certified in September. However, not all are

passing the TABE test. They had 8 students pass the TASC test. They have 14 students employed. Recruitment efforts continue with dropping brochures at Libraries, Mall, laundromats, etc. , contacting counselors for drop out list, & have an ad in Continuing Ed brochure. Vocational classes are held every Tuesday afternoon. Cleve reported with the 2nd semester of school coming up, it will be good idea to forward our information to guidance offices. Laurie has scheduled several job shadowing visits, OSHA & CPA certifications classes have been scheduled, monthly guest speakers have tentatively been scheduled, and month community service projects are scheduled. Gregory reported all Guidance offices are sent letters informing them of the Youth Education & Career Center.

New / Old Business

Bus Service – Gregory reported on December 7 2016he sent Michelle, M. Dicken, & J. Dundee an email with a narrative attached requesting an amendment to their budget, and an updated budget that reflects their request to hire a part time bus driver.

Apprenticeship outreach – Brian Mattei and Kim Alexander have visited and spoke with the students. Plumbers & Pipefitters representative has visited also. Kim reported GCIT has expanded related technical instruction in evening school program in particular for the plumbers association they work closely with.

A motion for adjournment was made by M. Canning, seconded by S. Uhr.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WDB Staff