

GBYR Meeting Notes - September 19, 2019



Ben Seeley (co-op student), Jennifer Moore (2BeConnected), Sarah (Student Council Co-President), Joanne Clement (Meaford Rotary), Krista Walley (Public Health), Thérèse Samuel (Ministerial Association), Nadia Ellis (Grey County), Mandi Lamb (Big Brothers, Big Sisters) Sarah McCarrel (Big Brothers, Big Sisters), Emma Barker (TBM Library), Melri Wright (BVO), Jason Weppeler (Public Health), Sarah Milne (Public Health), Ryan Gibbons (TBM Community Services), Mike Wright (Ledge Leadership)

Co-op Discussion

- Melri met with Jeff Smith about co-op possibilities and he suggested offering a 2 credit Co-op in Marketing, Events
- He was interested in the Multi-organization co-op and wanted us to consider including only 4 placements to also a student and organization more time to orient and work together.
- We would need to think about what each placement would gain and clearly communicate what the students would gain and describe the work experience for each location.
- Both Municipalities and Libraries would be interested in talking about this multi-organization opportunity.

ACTION: Add to agenda for our next GBYR Meeting.

Grade 8 Teachers

- Emma will be going to Grade 8 classes in Meaford and Thornbury to introduce Youth Roots, but will wait until she has the updated Youth Roots flyer.
- Emma has connected with Grade 8 teachers at BVCS and can go any time.

Weekly Table and Monthly GBYR Meeting

- Melri will start doing weekly tables again.
- Krista would be able to come to Student Council Meetings; Jeanetta Currie is the staff advisor.
- Sarah will talk with the other Student Council Co-presidents about how Youth Roots could be a support to them.
- Melri is open to meeting with the Co-presidents to talk about how GBYR could support what is happening at GBCS.

Transportation Question

- Melri had an email from Emily Morrison from Launch Pad. Grey County included the Launch Pad project with their project.
- Emily suggested that we get in contact with the transportation coordinator on the project and meet with her - Stephanie Stewart Stephanie.Stewart@grey.ca
- Ryan reported that TBM is in conversations right now about transportation opportunities. There are new operators out of Collingwood Driver's Seat and Owen Sound Driver's Seat.
- The current idea is that Collingwood would have a van that could pick up people and people could split the cost.
- Ryan will give us more information as he receives it.

Potential Office Space at GBCS

- Jeff Smith suggested that Melri might be able to use office space at GBCS to leave information about Youth Roots, store the items used for the weekly table, and meet with people.

Bank Account Update

General Fund - \$293.02
Meaford Grant - \$2,000.00
Total - \$2,293.02

ACTION: Melri will provide an invoice to TBM for half the cost of the food today and in June.

Debrief BBO

- The music was fun today and we need to find out if the school is concerned about censoring music.
- Surveys
 - We had approximately 50 people fill out the survey.
 - Some of the overheard comments: posters at the school are helpful, free food is appreciated, people don't go to websites for info.
 - We need info about what GBYR does that people could read without approaching us.
- Prize Ballots
 - More people did the survey than the prize draw.
 - Melri and Ben will make the survey and draw available at the weekly table for the next 2 weeks.
- Future Options
 - Setting up at the track and in the cafeteria.
 - Could do hot chocolate in the winter.
 - Doing activities - chalk, paper on tables.
 - Having wifi available when we do events.
 - It would be helpful to have a fun activity during a future event.

Upcoming Presentations

- Meaford Rotary
 - Jason and Melri are joining Joanne at the Meaford Rotary Meeting on Monday, September 23rd to share about what is happening with Youth Roots and Youth Friendly Designation.
 - Rotary currently has a big focus on youth.
- GBCS Parents Council
 - Krista and Melri will be speaking at GBCS Parents Council on Wednesday, October 2nd.
- Climate Change Now Group
 - Melri and Ben are attending the meeting in Thornbury on Monday, September 30th.

Grant Updates

- McDonnell Grant
 - Sarah applied for Youth Roots - it would be \$1,000 to help us do events.
- RBC Grant
 - A group from Regional Youth Engagement Network has applied for \$30,000 that would allow us to do an event with a speaker at GBCS, the Bruce Peninsula schools and Grey Highlands.
 - The project would involve an event with a motivational speaker in the high school and provide mini grants to youth to do projects.

- Youth are involved in the application process and in planning for the events if we are successful in receiving the grant.
- We will know in November if we are successful.
- Whole Kids Foundation Garden Grants Program
 - Krista provided links for these grants.
 - Whole Kids Foundation | Bee Grant
 - <https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/programs/honey-bee-hive-grant>
 - Whole Kids Foundation | Garden Grant Program
 - <https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/programs/school-gardens-grant>

Meaford Rotary Fundraiser - Joanne

- Trivia Night on Friday, October 18th at 6:30 pm
- Jason will circulate the poster to us and we will consider entering a Youth Roots team.

Meaford Bursary

- Our energy will be focused on School and Community events and on Educational and Vocational training workshops for youth.
- We will continue to do regular events (like the BBQ) in the school.
- We need to think about how we would provide Educational/Vocational Training opportunities.
- We have talked about doing a Volunteer/Job Fair later in the school year.

Ledge - Mike

- Ledge applied for a grant (Sandbox) in partnership with Public Health, Hanover Launch Pad and a local youth to expand a program, Waypoint, that allows youth to explore their natural abilities and how they can use that knowledge to make decisions about future schooling and employment

BVO - Melri

- Supporting a Blue Mountain Village Foundation event in response to a Grant we received to help with Beaver Crawl Triathlon.

OSAID - Melri

- A Regional Conference is being planned for our community, November 12-14 at Blue Mountain Inn & Conference Centre.
- Registration will be open next week.

International Women's Day Event - Jennifer

- Breakfast with speaker.
- Jennifer would like proceeds to go to Youth Roots.
- We are interested in supporting the event.

Public Health - Krista

- Youth Mental Health Champions Events in October.
- Vaping Program happening in schools.

Ministerial - Thérèse

- Therese has learned about a Grant that she might apply for in October.
- Grace United is interested in a youth roundtable

Amnesty International - Thérèse

- Interested in involving youth from GBCS and letting them know about Amnesty International

Big Brothers/Big Sisters - Mandi

- Introducing new branding

The Blue Mountains Library - Emma

- They are partnering with BVCS to involve youth.
- We can pass on pictures from today to Emma and she will post them to the YouthRoots FB page.

Next Meeting: Friday, October 18th