



## **GBYR Meeting - October 18, 2019**

Present: Jason Wepler (Grey Bruce Health Unit), Sarah Milne (Grey Bruce Health Unit), Jessie Wilson (YMCA), Nadia Ellis (Grey County), Emma Smith (Meaford Recreation), Lori Pierce (Meaford Library), Ben Seeley (BVO/GBCS), Melri Wright (BVO, Ledge, OSAID)

Regrets: Emma Barker (Thornbury Library), Mike Wright (Ledge), Ryan Gibbons (The Blue Mountains), Jennifer Moore (Connect the Dots), Joanne Clements (Meaford Rotary), Mandi Lamb (Big Brothers, Big Sisters)

### **Review Previous Minutes**

We approved the minutes.

### **Financial Update**

General Fund - \$291.07

Meaford Grant - \$2,000.00

Fall Event Expenses - \$260.43

TBM provided money to cover half - \$205.95 (for June and Fall)

### **Co-op Student Discussion for Semester 2**

- We discussed a combination of organizations being involved in a 2 credit co-op with 6 weeks in each location.
- Ryan Gibbons from The Blue Mountains is interested, Emma Smith will check with Meaford HR about what they would need to consider. The Library in Meaford may be a more suitable lead. Georgian Bay Youth Roots would be interested.
- Our suggestion would be having a youth engagement focus at each place - perhaps Recreation and Library being the focus in Municipalities

Next Steps:

- Both municipalities will explore the possibilities.
- **Emma Smith, Lori Pierce, Ryan Gibbons, and Melri Wright, Sarah Milne will be a working group to talk about details.**
- **Melri will contact Jeff Smith and find out the deadline for a job description.**

### **Youth Advisory Committee**

- We need to continue researching starting an advisory committee that could do delegations to council.
- **Melri will find out who is teaching the Civics and Careers class and whether GBYR could do a short presentation in the class.**

## **Presentations:**

### Meaford Rotary - Jason and Melri

- We thanked them for their support and spoke about the work of Youth Roots, Youth Friendly Designation.
- Response was positive and they engaged in discussion.
- They were encouraged that we noticed their commitment to youth and their interest in hearing from youth.
- Jason and Melri have talked about doing presentations with other service clubs (for example, Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary).

### Parent Council - Krista and Melri

- Gave brief overview of GBYR
- Great to see parents from SVE there as they look ahead to the younger grades from both schools being in the new school.
- Main concerns expressed by parents
  - How do they get students from Beaver Valley come to GBCS instead of going elsewhere? Kathy, the principal, wants to engage more with feeder schools (even earlier with grade 6s) to help build that relationship between the 2 schools, also hopefully the new school being built will push more people to go to GBCS.
  - Lunch time especially for the grades 4-6 because there aren't any activities for them to do
  - Lots of discussion about the new school and how some things won't be funded (for example curtains) and that there will need to be some fundraising.

### Next Steps

- Do a table for the grade 7/8 once a month in the cafeteria - a question of the month could be asking about recess activities.
- Go back to give a more formal presentation about GBYR, especially around the youth friendly designations that were received by Meaford and The Blue Mountains.
- Can our organizations help in some way with fundraising?

## **Grant Update – Future Launch**

- RBC and Community Foundation.
- We were told we could do 1 application for \$30,000 for Grey and Bruce Counties and then discovered that we needed to do 2 separate applications, one for Grey and one for Bruce.
- Jason reworked the application and submitted 2 applications.
- Discovered that we were the only group who submitted an application.
- The grant would support an event with Blake Fly as a speaker. A workshop in the afternoon will help youth to plan an initiative and they could apply for a mini grant to help them do that initiative.
- We should hear back in November with project kick-off the week after March Break.

### **Event Planning – winter activity** (as per grant)

- Exam De-stress Event in January.
- Being at GBCS for a lunch the week before Christmas.

### **Grade 8 Skate**

- Pay for an hour of Ice Time during the week before Christmas - provide music, hot chocolate.
- **Emma will check to see about cost and timing.**
- **Melri will contact the Grade 8 Teachers from BVCS and see if they would be interested and what the cost of bussing.**
- **Jason will contact Martins about cost.**

### **Educational/vocational event** (as per grant)

- Kathy, the principal is interested in doing an event that would provide resources for Grade 11/12 students.
- We will talk more at our next meeting about an event in the spring.

### **Roundtable Sharing**

#### Meaford Rotary

- Trivia Night tonight (October 18<sup>th</sup>)
- Fundraiser for the Library

#### Marvel Trivia at Arena - Nadia

- November 22<sup>nd</sup> at Meaford Arena, \$60/team of 6.
- Fundraiser for Library.
- Looking for volunteers the night, food and prizes.
- Nadia will send us a flyer.

#### Municipality of Meaford - Emma

- Wondering about doing a snowshoeing, dog sledding event.
- Imagination Studio provides great programming.

#### Weekly Table

- Melri and Jennifer will do the prize draw next Thursday.
- Ben is inputting the 17 paper surveys that were collected. Melri will contact Tim about closing the survey and providing a summary.

#### YMCA - Youth in Transition Worker Program - Jessie

- People ages 16-24 who have had child welfare involvement at any point in their lives.
- Youth ages 16-17 who are facing homelessness.
- Youth or adults can contact the YMCA.

#### YMCA - Art Program - Jessie

- Jessie is going to be doing an event with life skills and art program as well.

**Next Meeting** - Jason will do a Doodle Poll for next dates.