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Minutes for LPC and YSBAB
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Attending: Paula Plante, John Kopec, Kim McTighe and Alan Slobodien
Guest: Melisa Luginbuhl

1. Kim provided an update on SSNAP (Students Seeking New Achievements Positively) a group focused on healthy decisions. SSNAP assisted with the Volley Ball Lock In; 260 RHS students attended. There were no discipline issues – breathalyzers were used upon entry into the school. Six teams were on a waiting list and school personnel have inquired about holding 2 Lock Ins for next school year.
The SSNAP students are celebrating May 7-11, Alcohol Prevention Awareness Week, with many educational activities. Use of visual materials and messaging to be used throughout the school.
2. Melisa reported on the region-wide media campaign co-sponsored by ERASE and 11 towns in the ERASE region. Co-lab is a media business focusing on non-profit organizations. It has developed the theme “Parent First” and is creating visual messaging, smart phone messaging and other electronic messaging for a region-wide campaign that each community can tailor to its needs. Vernon has pledged approximately \$3,000 for this campaign. The funds Vernon will access derive from state and federal grants. The campaign will commence in September 2012.
3. Alan and Kim reported on YSB programs and initiatives.
 - The VCN was awarded a three-year implementation grant for the Community Plan from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. These funds support a full-time Implementation Coordinator position, part-time data analyst and training in developmental assets.
 - The YSB will oversee the summer nutrition program that provides free lunch to any youth 18 years and younger. Last year the YSB coordinated three lunch sites and is looking to expand to a fourth site this summer: Henry Park, Talcott Park, Maple Street School and the new site Park West Apartments. It is anticipated that 120-150 students will use the lunch program on a daily basis.
 - Lois Possell, Maple Street School Principal, has approached the YSB Director and requested that the YSB after school program re-locate to MSS as an anchor program for the community school at MSS. There are several considerations to be made including staffing and supplies needs along with other potential program and budget impacts. Alan is discussing this potential move with the after school program staff.

Alan M. Slobodien

The meeting adjourned at 3:15pm following item #3 discussion.

Next Meeting: May 15, 2012 2:15pm @ RHS Library