**South Windsor Alliance for Families (SWAFF)**

Meeting Minutes- November 21st, 2022

**Call Meeting to Order:** 4:05pm

**Members Present:**

* Danielle Bifolck- Y&FS Teen Center Program Coordinator
* Kathy Reed- School Outreach Specialist
* Sarah Prattson- S.W. Library- Outreach Librarian
* Glenn Buonanducci- Police Department
* Emily Cintorino- Interval House
* Claudia Bernstein- Community Representative
* Ria Saxena- S.W.H.S. Student
* Julia Garfola - S.W.H.S. Student
* Pranav Shankar- S.W.H.S. Student
* Sophia- S.W.H.S. Student

**Youth & Family Services Update:** Danielle Bifolck

* Many upcoming Teen Center events for youth to participate in- Friendsgiving, Paint Workshops, NYE Celebration, drop-in hours, etc.
* Huge increase in participation, especially on Friday nights
* The Teen Center Middle School and High School Youth Council volunteer groups put together Kindness Bags full of candy and nice messages for the Police Department for Kindness Day.

**School Prevention Update:** Kathy Reed

* Y&FS, the SW Police Department, and TEMS are hosting a conversation with 6th-grade student parents to discuss drugs and alcohol: how to talk to your child about it, what to look for, resources, etc.
* Held a SADD Club meeting- made liquor store bags, played Jeopardy game for review
* The Jumpstart program has 45 participants who will help tutor other students
* Leadership opportunities and Prevention activities with students have been successful

**S.W. Public Library**: Sarah Prattson

* Programming is both virtual, in person, and hybrid- trying to meet everyone’s comfort levels
* Continuing to visit daycares and preschools
* Getting ready for more activities- BINGO, vacation events
* Each 3rd grade student receives a free dictionary

**Police Department Update:** Glenn Buonanducci

* Getting ready for toy drive in December
* Looking to hire more staff- many officers out on leave

**Youth Update:** Ria, Julia, Pranav, Sophia

* SADD planning “SADD makes you happy” day in December
* Students seem to be adjusting well this year; lots of participation in sports and clubs
* SGA planning visibility days in Jan/Feb

**Interval House:** Emily Cintorino

* Giving out gift cards for the holidays
* Domestic Violence walk in October was successful
* Had the Law Enforcement breakfast in November

**Other Business:**

* Making SWAFF resource guide for families- please add your resources
* Magnets with QR Code with our SWAFF website
* SWAFF website has been updated
* Positions to be filled- Faith based & Media Representatives
* Possible workshops for bullying in schools
* More events with elementary school students to begin prevention efforts early on

Future meeting will be held in January 23rd @ 4pm

The meeting was adjourned at 5pm.

Submitted by Danielle Bifolck.