

CCACE Advisory Committee Meeting



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CCACE Advisory Committee Meeting October 20, 2023 @ 12:00 on zoom

Present:

Jill Weintraub, Paula Casey, Polly Meyer, Anne Irza-Leggat, Sara Wilson, Barbara Magee, Carrie Patel, Marianna (from the Mosquito)

The minutes for September 22, 2023 were approved.

Registration and Budget Numbers

Enrollment is strong. Budget numbers are good especially with credit card receipts factored in.

Parent Education Update, Polly Meyer, Liaison

- Some programs planned for fall did not have enough enrollment to run including the program for parents of children under 3. It was scheduled for Mon 9:30-10:30am; provides childcare and social time for kids and parents/caretakers.
- Question whether the class needs to be marketed better. Think about different times/days.
- The Concord and Carlisle Family Networks and Neighbors Now may be good places to advertise.
- Stephanie is considering a class on preparing your child for financial independence. Polly connected her with Robin Grace, a professional who could be helpful. Carolyn Hallinan, CCHS Parents Association, is helpful for promotion.
- A new class on executive functioning skills for college students has 4 registrations.
- Perhaps one class workshop vs a class with several sessions might be more attractive to parents.
- Right now, parenting classes are only marketed in CC although the executive functioning class is also on Acton-Boxboro site.
- CCACE is open to reaching farther geographically for both zoom and in-person classes.
- Programming that also includes fathers who are primary care givers may be of interest.
- Stephanie and Jill are collaborating with the Mental Health Collaborative Group and will attend their next meeting.

Can We Talk

- Is work/life balance the right topic?
- Polly shared the themes that the park system has laid out in relation to the 250 Celebration, tying together current events with our historical past.
- There was enthusiasm for the topic of how to have respectful conversations with those who we disagree.
- Aim for scheduling this on the calendar for March.
- Potential resources:
 - Someone from NPR, WBUR
 - CCHS debate team
 - Temple Beth Elohim
 - Rachel Freed, Carlisle resident and DEI/human rights activist
 - Debate team CCHS

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- Christine Lear, Carlisle resident and former school committee member, works at GBH.
- ACTION ITEMS:
 - Begin with looking at program done several years ago
 - Reach out to GBH contacts and Carlisle DEI / Soc'l Justice activists (Sara)
 - Find out about CCHS debate contacts (Anne)
 - Reach out to John Ballantine who is interested in helping with Can We Talk (Paula)
 - Write summary of our goal that people can use for outreach (Jill)

Other Business

- Anne spoke with the Concord Bookshop about CCACE participation in the gift-wrapping fundraiser. (The store has nonprofit organizations provide donation only gift-wrapping services during the holidays.
- Anne will follow up with bookstore to find a day on the calendar that works and send out a sign up to the committee.

The next meeting is Dec 1 at 12:00 at Ripley. Sara will present an update on Drivers Ed programs.