Teen Advocacy Coalition

Peer Helpers Retreat Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday July 24th, 2014@ 9:30am – 11:30am

Raymond Timberland Library

In Attendance:

Derek Peterson (NWJP), Erin Frasier (TAC), Emily Popovich (TRL/TAC), Kristin Clouse (WBH/TAC), Melissa Sexton (PCHD), Paul Turner (WHMA), Sean Bresnahan (PCYA), Tanya Schiller (TAC)

Erin Frasier called the meeting to order at 9:36am.

Agenda Items:

1. Introductions
2. Planning Collaboration
   1. The committee will consist of the TAC Executive Board, School Heads and selected presenters
   2. Committee members will be added to the Google Document so that they can reference and update information.
      1. The Google Doc will also include committee member assignments such as contacting potential presenters and securing binder materials
3. Retreat Details
   1. The school points of contact need to be confirmed for South Bend and Raymond.
      1. Melissa Sexton will maintain contact with Justin Laine and Sarah Taylor.
   2. The committee agreed to book the two large lodges (Sea Breeze and Ocean View) at the Ocean Park Retreat Center.
      1. Between the two buildings, 89 total campers can be accommodated.
   3. It needs to be determined how many students are paid/sponsored from each school.
      1. The County pays for Ocean Beach and Naselle schools
      2. Ideally 10 students would get sponsored from each school
      3. Katie Lindstrom will be a point of contact for this information.
   4. Chaperones
      1. There is a need for people to stay part of the time and for the full duration of the retreat including overnights.
         1. Background checks will be conducted for all chaperones.
         2. The chaperones will help to facilitate, supervise and engage the youth.
4. Day 1 Scheduling
   1. Foundational Peer Helper trainings
   2. The structure of the schedule ( on the google doc) was up for review first, and the presenters will be adjusted later
   3. The breakout sessions will provide building pieces that will be helpful for the rest of the retreat.
   4. The retreat theme was decided on by a “thumbs up” vote: GET INVOLVED.
   5. The Day 1 schedule was approved by a “thumbs up” vote.
      1. Youth Elections will be incorporated into the retreat introduction.
5. Day 2 Scheduling
   1. Sean Bresnahan’s mother, Pat Bresnahan may be a potential presenter on the following topics
      1. Dealing with Shame
      2. Nonviolent Communication
      3. Adverse Conditions in the Home
   2. Melissa Sexton will be in charge of the ropes course
      1. The groups will be divided by schools
      2. There will be 8-10 students per element
      3. There will be a need for lots of facilitators
      4. Schedule for about a ½ hour for each element
   3. Erin Frasier will draft up an (optional) email template that we can send to presenters that will be nice and concise for gathering information.
   4. Survey results from last year’s Peer Helper Retreat should be consulted for possible topic ideas:
      1. Healthy Dating
6. Day 3 Scheduling
   1. The focus will be on determining what the “Youth Arm”
   2. Slot for presentations will need to be filled
7. Retreat Binders
   1. Binders will be distributed to all student attendees
      1. Packets will be provided for presenters and facilitators
   2. 60+ binders will be needed (1.5”)
      1. Katie Lindstrom has some extra binders that can be utilized.
   3. From mid-August through mid-September, Paul Turner will have a work-study student that can help with binder assembly.