**Teen Advocacy Coalition**

**Youth Liaison Meeting**

**January 21st, 2015, @ 3:30pm**

**Raymond Timberland Library**

In attendance:

Dominique Kudasik (WVHS Peer Helper President), Emily Popovich (TAC Chair), Gracie Manlow (TAC Coordinator), Jordan Reidt (RHS Liaison), Lyndsey Owen (TAC Vice-Chair), Megan Johnson (SBHS Liaison), Quintin Swanson (RHS Peer Helper President), Tanya Schiller (TAC Administrative Assistant).

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome!
   1. Gracie Manlow welcomed the group. Each person stated their name and their position within their schools in relation to TAC.
   2. The liaisons will independently discuss who wants to be the chair, vice-chair and secretary/treasurer.
      1. The chair will be in charge of running meetings, providing the agenda and documents and being the main connection with staff.
      2. The vice-chair will work very closely with the school counselors to work on capacity building and recruitment.
      3. The secretary/treasurer will be responsible for writing and disseminating minutes.
         1. Potentially the specific positions could be rotated on a monthly basis.
2. Youth Arm Kickoff
   1. The event will be Monday January 26th at 3:15pm at Raymond High School
      1. The event will be at Raymond since they have the largest and most active peer helpers so far.
   2. The posters have been made, distributed, and staff spoke to each of the liaisons
   3. The Facebook group has been shared and boosted
   4. There will be a free nacho bar
      1. The students suggested that there would be an icebreaker activity, and a project brainstorm
         1. TAC staff will bring poster boards, flip charts, post-its, markers etc.
3. Peer Helper Projects
   1. Robert received funding for bringing Peer Helper Retreat trainings and classes to Willapa Valley High School
   2. The Substance Abuse Prevention Week (May 4th-May 8th) will include all three schools and will end with the TAC Town Hall on Friday, May 8th.
      1. Students should begin brainstorming the theme days throughout the week.
      2. The Town Hall may be at the New Life Fellowship Church.
4. After Prom Party
   1. This could be modeled after Wellspring’s after prom breakfast
   2. It could be at the bowling alley in South Bend
5. Miss Washington
   1. She will be visiting at the South Bend High School library on March 11th from 12:30pm-3:00pm
      1. Students from the tri-district schools will need to be selected
      2. The presentations will be focused on sex/drug presentations in the media and how it targets and affects youth. E-cigarettes are also a main concern.
      3. Students will be able to pass on the presentation to their peers.
6. TAC Staff
   1. TAC Staff are available to provide guidance and support
      1. Gracie Manlow is the point of contact for how money is spent and distributed
      2. Staff can also provide students with networking contacts that would be helpful for future projects
   2. Check-in process
      1. The meeting attendees agreed that texting would be the easiest way to reach each other
      2. Check-ins will occur on a bi-weekly basis
         1. The check-in is an opportunity for the students to determine what they need from the staff to encourage progress