

**Rockaway Township Substance Abuse Alliance Meeting
May 17, 2018**

Attendees:

Leslie Wexler
Lisa Wexler
Todd Silverman
Kelly Rodimer

Lillian Wexler
Linda Wolk
Marty McParland
Tara Maluszczyk

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Les.

Minutes from previous meeting were read and approved by Linda, second by Todd.

Treasurers report reconciled.

Old Business - None

New Business

Website: Todd has kept everything up to date. Todd will remove any inactive committee members from our list.

Documentary: We have a few more people that interviewed. We will tape the day of Celebrity Day in the classrooms as well as the rest of the day. We will have some of the celebrities interviewed for the documentary. Once the recording is completed, we will have John Bell come in and narrate the video. The kids started editing and will continue to over the summer.

Project PRIDE: 5 inmates came to Copeland today in their orange jump suits. All of them did a phenomenal job speaking and telling their story about why they ended up where they are. They also brought in a couple of items that they use while in jail. We have our date for next year all lined up.

Phase 2: Anthony Doran spoke on April 27. It was his first time speaking to kids about substance abuse. He did a great job and got his story and message to the kids, including losing his older brother due to an overdose. His younger brother is also struggling and is a veteran. He truly wants to help where he can to get the message to the kids.

Celebrity Day: May 31, 2018 is the date. We have the celebrities in place. As we always do, we will have dinner the night before Celebrity Day and go to Anthony's. We are all set for the day. We have 2 honorees, David Tyree from the NY Giants and Sal Gonzalez who is a Wounded Warrior. We sent a letter to the President inviting him to our special day but haven't heard anything. We also sent an invitation to the former Governor of NJ, Chris Christie who is a huge advocate for substance abuse prevention.

Tricky Tray: We will start planning this spring/summer for April of 2019. As the year goes on we will look at the calendar for 2019 to pick a date. We will talk to Mr. Gonnella about the CMS tricky tray to see if we can have their date a little further away than us.

Newsletter: Lisa and Kelly will be in touch about the newsletter to start sending it out.

Superintendent: Les and Marty met with the new superintendent. He is super supportive of our program and also has agreed to help us.

Public Session: N/A

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 7pm.