Georgian Bay Youth Roots Meeting
November 21, 2019

Attending: Jason Weppler (Grey Bruce Public Health), Melri Wright (BVO and OSAID), Sarah Milne (Grey Bruce Public Health), Emma Smith (Municipality of Meaford), Lori Pierce (Meaford Library), Ryan Gibbons (Town of The Blue Mountains), Jennifer Moore (Connect the Dots), Mike Wright (Ledge Leadership), Joanne Clements (Meaford Rotary), Mandi Lambe (Big Brothers Big Sisters), Nadia Ellis (Grey County Housing)

Regrets: Emma Barker, Krista Walley, Jessie Wilson

Review Previous Minutes

Financial Update
- General Fund $364.86
- Meaford Grant $1,869.78
- Town of The Blue Mountains is also supporting the events financially.

Tele-conference call with Laidlaw Foundation
- Providing grants with a Focus on Youth with Lived Experience.
- Special Project with Ministry of Children and Youth Services and Innoweave - develop and launch Collective Impact approaches. Find an issue in our community and how we can work together on that.
- If a group receives the grant, they will receive workshops and coaching support and Grant to Explore ($10,000), Grant to Launch ($60,000), grant for Execution ($250,000).
- We had applied for a Conversation Starter Grant and did not receive it; they thought we were past the conversation stage and would be in the explore stage.
- They can tailor a grant call when we’re ready to proceed and are flexible with our process.
- They are aware that rural communities often do not receive grants when competing with larger communities.

Next Steps:
Connect with follow up questions (tibrahim@laidlawfdn.org)

Co-op Position
- Melri will ask Jeff Smith about a Job Description Deadline for next semester.
- Small Group (Ryan, Lori, Emma and Melri) will meet to talk about the opportunity.

Skating Event Planning
- December 16th - 12-2 pm at Meaford Arena
- We would need 2 buses to transport the Grade 7/8 from BVCS
The Grade 7/8 from GBCS are able to walk and Mike could bring a covered trailer to transport the equipment.

We want to have some non-ice activities for youth who aren’t interested or able to skate.

Emma will provide a permission form.

Emma will talk with students she’s worked with about helping that afternoon.

Jason (from Connect the Dots) will provide wifi and a screen.

Have holiday movie (Elf) and cookie decorating - Nadia will be in this area.

Budget
  - Bus - $280.00
  - Rink - $150.00 - provided by Emma
  - Cookie Decorating Expenses - covered by Emma

Melri will contact teachers and principals to confirm the date, time and details.

Ryan will check into ice time in Thornbury in January or February.

Nadia will connect with Paramedics and Emma will connect with the Fire Department about possible involvement.

**Grant Update – Future Launch Grant**

We were successful in receiving $15,000 for Grey County and $15,000 for Bruce County.

The grant will provide money for an inspirational speaker (Blake Fly) for the whole school and then a workshop for the Grade 9 youth to brainstorm an initiative/event and apply for a mini grant to help them do the event.

GBCS is one of the schools that will have opportunity to participate. Grey Highlands in Flesherton and the 2 schools in Wiarton and Lion’s Head will also be able to participate.

Melri will talk with Kathy Archer about March 22 and availability of gym (late morning on).

Blake Fly is holding the 2 dates and Kristi McKracken is currently the contact person with him.

Would be helpful to have community organizations there with booths. We could have a passport that students get stamped as they visit the booths and then have opportunity to enter a prize draw.

**Meaford YFD Plaque**

It is missing, but if it is not found, we could order another one.

**Review Survey Results** (see attached results)

**Exam De-stress Event**

We would like to do another event in the week before exams (Jan 20-23)

- Therapy Dogs, Fitness Component, Colouring Sheets
- Hot Chocolate, Emma has contact with New Orleans Pizza for reduced rates and Joanne has contact with Sail Restaurant.
Next Meeting:
After the Exam De-stress Event Jason will send a doodle poll to find the best date.