**Georgian Bay Youth Coalition Meeting**

March 5, 2020  
11:30pm-1:00pm  
Location: GBCS Conference Room

Attendees: Mike Wright (Ledge Leadership), Krista Walley (GBHU), Melri Wright (Co-Chair), Emma Barker (TBM Public Library), Emma Smith-Mclelland (Meaford Recreation), Jason Weppler (GBHU), Andrea Matrosovs (TTBM), Mandi Lamb (Big Brothers Big Sisters Grey Bruce), Sarah Milne (Co-chair) Ronin Gilchrist (GBCS Grade 10) Julia Tichbourne (GBCS Grade 11)  
Regrets: Rev. Terese Smith, Ryan Gibbons,  

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| **Note/Minute Taker:** (Rotating position) | Volunteer for March 5  
Sarah – note taker |

1. **Additions to the Agenda**  
   (Coyote update Kevin Hooper email)  
   Summary provided at the end of minutes

2. **Review/Approve Minutes**  
   [Minutes GBYR January 22 2020.pdf](#)

3. **Jr. NBA Basketball Update**  
   Sarah Milne  
   Very excited – running well. 40 kids registered and participating along with 4 parents, currently one high school student (others involved in school sports) and two head coaches  
   Purchased through grant and registration fees  
   adapted/lowered nets make it very accessible for all ages and abilities  
   Meaford Independent Local Newspaper has requested an interview (Tuesday March 10)

4. **RBC Future Launch Grant Update**  
   Jason Weppler  
   Plans are changing, future launch in GB, March 24, 25 original date but job action is creating some variability and now considering Sept 29/30 postponement for break out speaker Blake Fly, Design Thinking presentation (GBHU) and funding opportunity for students

5. **Bubble Soccer Update**  
   Emma Smith  
   Bubble soccer is part of International Youth Day - August event: pool pizza party (70 kids) the cost is about $1000, GBYR is contributing $250, asking rotary for additional funds and additional 6 balls for the event, hosted in the grass next to the pool. 4pm-8pm cost of $15/pp
| 6. | Summer Student Party update | Sarah Milne | Grant submitted for Youth End of Year Event to Participation Community Grant - event involves physical activity (swim, biking and 3 on 3 bball $250 to $1000) will hear back at the end of the month. Event Scheduled for June 17, 2020  

Grade 8 – elementary/transition event, students bused from Thornbury might be an issue due to job action, Melri to speak to BVOCS about coming  

Grade 12 transition event, can we host a similar event for grade 12’s that week? Important to look at the date, and if and can it work, (exams/graduation)  

NB: Could GBYR come to a student council, Melri to connect with Student Council  
NB: Consider relocation of GBYR events to the side of the school, more high school students’ use and access that entrance not the main one. |
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| 7. | Co-op Placement update | Melri/Emma/Ryan/Emma and Lorie | Currently at BVO and library (2 dayweek,3hour day) mural being created by the student for the library  
Student is very motivated and creative, a great addition, very positive experience, will be helping BVO with screens and slides being updated, creating social media posts.  

Will look at having student develop Pool party poster and events design when at Meaford when they are on their placement |
| 8. | Accounts/treasure report | Melri Wright | $1424.12 left in the grant to spend – Municipality Community Grant money ($1400 for 2019 and 3 additional years to come at $2000.) to be used events, monthly meeting, education and training.  
$360.96 left in general events funds,  

$134.72 from Beaver Crawl (bike paddle run, event has run for 9 years on the weekend of July 1st, partnerships with Rotary Canada day event, run and organized by students. – Hesitant to take over student project with not much interest from students being shown at this point.  

Is or should GBYR look to support and keep event going – perhaps a meeting with student council?  
Andrea suggested looking at the grants committee with the TBM (grant deadline just closed for 2020) for future Beaver Crawl. |
<p>| 9. | 2020 Planning/Review ToR and Open | Melri Wright | Question to the group: What is our goal for the GBYR engagement and asking the youth? We have been asking for years – we need to look at a strategy or have a plan |</p>
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<td>Funds to be used for events once a month, and annual events as opportunities to do work together. Mike shared an idea about youth working and getting paid/compensated for being part of the Coalition Opportunity: Walking through Positive Youth Development Events – Marion from Parks and recreation in the past about hosting events. This could be a day-long workshop – schedule on a council meeting day and then have youth present to council. Paid positions, is this a grant opportunity to explore how to keep youth engaged? NB: ToR to be attached to minutes, add to agenda for next meeting.</td>
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<td>Question to group: how are we best to get the feedback from youth and what they think the needs are? Use social media, Instagram, snap voting and polls, we don’t listen to the announcements, talk about how to make our school better and how to get more kids to stay here. Guidance is putting together a movie about student GBCS life. Question: Why are they leaving, travel time an issue, 10 kids left after the 1st semester, when and what courses they can take GBCS principal is investigating and asking parents their reasons. Students and parents must gain permission to leave and go to another school. Idea: Creating opportunities for Grade 7/8 transition and integration days. Board exploring/proposing bringing 7/8 to new school from BVCS</td>
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<th>11. Additions: Laidlaw Workshop potential?</th>
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<td>Krista Walley (GBHU School Nurse) will be starting a quit group (Tobacco Cessation) as well as HAP (Holistic Art Based Program at GBCS starting 1st week of April. Mike Wright (Ledge Leadership) Registration for our 2nd series of Leadership Reimagined Learning Labs is now open at <a href="https://www.leadershipreimagined.ca">https://www.leadershipreimagined.ca</a>. The new Learning Lab is called Abilities Reimagined and is designed to increase your capacity to lead by understanding your natural abilities and building strategies to leverage those abilities for workplace success and satisfaction. A 10% discount is available for those that attended our first Learning Lab. (See attached)</td>
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Coyote Track update:
On Friday, February 7th, Kevin Hooper met with Meaford’s CAO and one of our councillors, Ross Kentner. Likely 5-6 years before we see top level training facilities and maybe a bit more for an indoor facility, but we are gaining traction and there is still hope. In the mean time, we will have a track to use.

The track is owned by the BWDSB, but down the middle of that track is a 66 foot section that is owned by the Municipality of Meaford.

When the new school is completed by September 2021, one year later the BWDSB can then make that property available for sale if they choose. With funds tight, they may choose to keep that track for their own use, but we would still be able to use it.

If they choose to sell it, Meaford has first dibs on it to purchase. If so, they will purchase it and maintain it for a period of time AND build a public washroom onto the existing water pumping station. When the point comes where our new outdoor and indoor sports complex is built, the GBCS Track would be sold to put the funds towards the new complex.

The only way that Regional Sports Complex will happen is with a joint project between Meaford and Thornbury. Neither town can afford this on their own and if two communities join forces, there is a better likelihood of Federal and Provincial funding.

Half way between Meaford and Thornbury, this side of Christie Beach Road, there are 35 acres available for purchase. On the other side of the road there are plans in the next 4 years to begin construction of a 900 Partridge home development. They will be putting in a trail system off the Georgian Trail as well as putting in all the infrastructure. They will also likely make a sizeable contribution to the “cause”.

The municipality would like Kevin on their “recreational advisory committee”.

Other big players will be:

..Trans Canada Energy. They are a controversial company wanting to build an energy water system at the military base in Meaford. They put lots of $$$ into their community with housing, doctor recruitment and sports facilities.

...Department of National Defence. They are wanting to build athletic facilities off base and would support a pool and other facilities.

...YMCA. Supporting youth activities is a high priority for them.

...Local service clubs in both Meaford and Thornbury.
...When the time comes, I intend on putting out a “Doctors Challenge” to all the docs from Collingwood to Owen Sound to Flesherton. I know there are already a few who have expressed interest.

...Our CAO and councillor that I met with expressed other groups to touch base with as well

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