Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order at 2:31pm by Eric Weis

II. Roll call: Eric Weis, Brenda Karales, Kevin Norwood, Sami Snider, Nour Zaki, Bryce Shewan, Kate Hacker, Zach Anderson, Shelley Senffner, Judy Gilmour, Chris Mehochko, Brian Rolls, Nina Gortowski, Arissa Wallis, Courtney Transier, Mike Montgomery, Judge Barnhart, Ryan Phelps, Traci LaMon, Andrew Nickel, Sara Olschanski, Michelle Nevarez, Alex Hwang

III. Brenda Karales introduced Kevin Norwood (Chiefs of Police Association President), Sami Snider (OHS), Alex Hwang (OEHS), and Brian Rolls (Plano PD)

IV. Approval of Agenda: Motioned by Mike Montgomery, seconded by Ryan Phelps, and passed.

V. Approval of minutes from last meeting (January 15, 2016): Motioned by Chris Mehochko, seconded by Brenda Karales, and passed

VI. Treasurer’s Report
Courtney Transier advised there is a balance of $13,075.53. A voucher was received in the amount of $119 and approved for payment. More expenses will be needing approval closer to the 5K. The Council was advised the Board approved a $250 donation to the OEHS TALK program. Motioned by Judge Barnhart, seconded by Andrew Nickel, and passed

VII. Old Business
   a) 5K fundraiser update – Brenda Karales advised sponsors are all established for the race and they are going to start printing the t-shirts. She advised there are currently 120 people registered and asked that Council members push registration. Brenda showed the Council the bags each runner will receive and thanked Tim Cramer for them. She stated they will be stuffing the bags on April 22, 2016 at 2pm and asked volunteers to help.

   b) Scholarship committee: Ryan Phelps advised applications are due today (April 1). Six applications have been received and a decision will be made by April 15 as to the recipients. Eric Weis advised the Board discussed having the winners announced at the County Board meeting on May 3.

   c) Bullying Presentation: Eric Weis stated they will continue working with YHS and OEHS to see if they would like to host the presentation.

   d) Youth/Parent Campaign: Tim Cramer advised two new posters have been printed and had them for Council members to take and distribute. He said ads are running in the Record Newspapers (print and online), OnlyOswego, and through email. Funding looks good for next year. Tim updated the Council on the Illinois Youth Survey and said YHS, YMS, PHS, PMS, and NHS have all signed up to take the survey. He said some schools declined participation. The information is used to run campaigns such as the Be Their Guide, Don’t Provide Campaign. Eric Weis thanked Tim for the bags for the 5K.
VIII. New business

a) Committee Reports

1. Membership: Brenda Karales advised they are trying to raise the maximum number of members to 35 and that will be voted on at the next Board of Directors meeting. Eric Weis stated the students are the most important members of the Council. Members were encouraged to continue to attend meetings and the Council was reminded a quorum is required at all meetings.


3. Resource/Development/Funding/Grants: Brenda Karales advised they are hoping to use some funds from the 5K to provide grants to schools with truancy programs.

4. Legislative: Nothing to report.


6. Interagency Assessment: Nothing to report.

7. Program/Resource Guide: Brenda Karales advised the Resource Guide needs to be updated to include the sponsors of the 5K. Ryan Phelps said they will continue updating the Guide and Eric Weis suggested printing inserts to put in the already printed Guides. Tim Cramer advised there is still money in the printing grant that could be used to print updated Guides.

8. Fundraising Committee: Eric Weis advised new members to contact Brenda Karales if they are interested in joining a committee.

b) Other: Eric Weis advised there is a “sexting” problem in the high schools and they may look at doing a presentation on that topic next year.

Traci LaMon advised there is a community event on April 10 in Montgomery and the Council can have a booth free of charge. The event is from 10am to 3pm. Brenda Karales advised she can help with the booth, but cannot be there in the morning. Anyone interested in hosting the booth was asked to let Brenda Karales know by April 5.

VIII. Citizens to be heard: None

IX. Next Meetings: July 8, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. and November 4, 2016 at 2:30pm in the Jury Assembly Room

X. Adjournment: Kate Hacker motioned, Bryce Shewan seconded, and passed at 2:51pm