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SUFFIELD SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION (SSSC)

December 12, 2024 at 8:30 am

Suffield Senior Center – 145 Bridge St.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call/Welcome Mark Blackaby and Introductions
2. Review and Approve Minutes from the October 10, 2024 meeting
3. Review and Approve 2025 Proposed Meeting Schedule
4. Public Comment – may call in to conference call, not video chat
 - a. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88996638007?pwd=QzczbmFHTkwvM1VjWWVaY3lqQzdwdz09>
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5. Updates, no formal report needed
 - a. Peter LeClerc/Bethany Sullivan – Seniors
 - b. Kelly Giannuzzi – Youth & Family Services; Podcasts
 - c. Mary Curtin - Suffield Community Aid
 - d. Jason Joyce - Suffield Housing Authority
 - e. Commission Members – program capability at the Community Center (livestream/recording, community needs, observations, participation in recent events)
6. Old Business
 - a. Police/Fire/EMT Course for kids
 - b. Phone Safety
 - c. Ways to Improve Communication for Families
 - d. Parents Under Pressure Presentation from November 14
 - e. Seniors' Ideas for Future Programs (What Keeps You Up At Night)
 - f. Pen Pal Program with kids and seniors (can we find the SHE Student who is interested?)
 - g. Town-wide Survey – Sharon Bruno update on meeting with First Selectman Moll
 - h. Affordable Housing next steps – Nathan Prusi
7. New Business
 - a. Next Steps for Parents Under Pressure
 - Book Review – The Anxious Generation (Feb/Mar/Apr) and one other book – Recorded and livestreamed presentation followed by on-site breakout groups of parents; attending presentation in West Hartford 12/12/24
 - Interest in a program about technology with parents and kids
 - Podcast about child development (Kristen Conway/Kate McCloskey and parents)
 - Podcast about Technology with school psychologist
 - b. Audio book effort with Suffield Intermediate School (Joy Tierney)
 - Start with popular books at the Intermediate school, especially for struggling readers.
 - Get input from SHS and SMS advisory board on favorite books

- Expand the program to the public library
 - Possibly look for donations to expand
- c. Community Service ideas for Christmas 2025 – Town-wide choral concert, etc.
 - d. Third graders walk-up in the spring to read with seniors (via Joy Tierney)
 - e. Book reading around the world and possibly talking with another country's school via Zoom
 - f. Other needs/ideas?
 - g. Discussion – Changing the time of the Commission's meetings
8. Next meeting January 9, 2025 at the Suffield Senior Center – 145 Bridge Street (Zoom option available)
 9. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Irwin
Recording Secretary