

**North Leeds Youth Coordinating Committee**  
**Minutes for May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 1:00pm at RDHS**

Participants: Leah Allen, Emily Beelen, Teresa Carty, Laura Lee Davies, Trevor Holme, Leila Stafford, Leanna Thomas and Guest: Chris Sleeth  
Regrets: Cathy Ryan

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>OUTCOMES/DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION PLAN</b>
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepted - motioned by Laura Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> Leah</li> </ul>
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 2023 minutes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepted as distributed - motioned by Leanna 2<sup>nd</sup> Leila</li> </ul>
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emily was actioned to draft the letter to Westport; however, Cathy spoke to Mayor Jones regarding Chris Chisamore and a councilor joining the committee instead. Mayor Jones will be bringing this forward but has not yet.</li> <li>The contact for the Leeds and Thousand Islands Public Library has changed to Cindy Code, CEO/Chief Librarian. She has been added to the NLYCC contact list and receives invitations to join the meeting</li> </ul>	
Financial Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balance of \$5000, which was recently received from the United Church's Vision and Transformation Grant.</li> <li>At the last meeting, we spent all but \$2000 which was received from LTIT Community Grant for the bus trips to the Brockville YMCA. The \$2000 will be sent to the Township of R.L to pay the busing invoices. 2 bus trips are scheduled for May 26th and June 9<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emily to bring updated Financial Statement to next meeting</li> </ul>
Applications	<p>Application #1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$350 for the TD Summer Reading program through the RLPL</li> <li>Group ear-marked up to \$1000 for transportation to Frosh Friday on September 8, 2023</li> <li>Chris Sleeth announced the Boys Only Wellness Initiative will not happen this school year due to the high number of snow days this past winter and the involvement of LINK Leaders in other areas of the school, for example, sports. LINK program will not be offered next year as it is taking a hiatus. Committee is challenged with reallocating the \$1500 that was given. Sleeth suggested the LIFT program that is starting in September. LIFT is for at risk students who do not fit the conventional mold of school settings. It will involve intensive work with high needs and high risk teenagers helping them to not only create appropriate and realistic goals, but also helping them "fit" into the school. The idea is that if they feel like they have a place, they will attend regularly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motioned by Laura Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> Leah</li> <li>Motioned by Teresa 2<sup>nd</sup> Leila</li> <li>Motioned by Laura Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> Leanna</li> </ul>

Student Report	<p><b>Student Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominations for the 2023/24 Student Council taking place in 2 weeks (early June)</li> <li>• Last spirit week currently happening. Today is monochromatic day where students wear only one colour, yesterday was Country Western vs. Malibu Barbie, tomorrow is Dress Like a Teacher day and Friday is Canada Day</li> <li>• Relay for Life was on May 17<sup>th</sup> and \$41 637 was raised which surpassed their goal of \$35 000. There was an '80s dance fundraiser as well as milestone incentives such as pie-in-the-face, taping teacher to a wall, etc. At the event, there were carnival games, food, luminaries, and everyone received a t-shirt</li> <li>• Council took part in the Delta Easter festivities</li> </ul>	
Updates	<p><b>Rideau District High School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter sent to parents re: Relay for Life, athletic banquet, Grade 7/8 end of year trip, graduation ceremonies and exams</li> <li>• Prom is not a school sanctioned event this year, but one is happening thanks to a student-led committee</li> <li>• LINK is taking a hiatus – there are not enough people who know what LINK is, not enough interest</li> <li>• Focused this school year on resilience, stress management and organization; next year will focus on equity, diversity &amp; inclusion, broadening world view</li> <li>• Will purchase agendas next school year for each student again, but these will be geared towards high school students instead of elementary students. The goal is to improve organization and move from “what did I miss?” to “I’m going to be away, what will I miss?”</li> <li>• working with Health Unit - Party Smart program; one-day event in late October/early November with a passport to visit stations (paramedics, addictions and mental health, police, fire, etc.)</li> </ul> <p><b>KEYS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 26<sup>th</sup> Job Fair – many youth passed out resumes and left with interviews</li> <li>• Changes are coming – Leanna will be working as a Job Developer in Gananoque 2 days per week, which may mean that Elgin is only open 3 days per week</li> </ul> <p><b>Township of Rideau Lakes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teen nights to Brockville YMCA scheduled May 26 and June 9 with the possibility of more being added. No pre-registration required. Just show up and hop on the bus. YMCA staff present on bus</li> <li>• After school program continues until the end of the school year</li> <li>• Movies in the park on Thursdays – July 6 Elgin, July 20 Portland, Aug. 3 Delta and Aug. 17 Newboro</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimming lessons in Delta, Elgin and Westport - registration open</li> <li>Elgin Days – July 8<sup>th</sup> weekend – looking for parade floats</li> <li>Canada Day celebrations in Newboro and Westport</li> <li>Continuing partnership with Foley Mountain on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month</li> </ul> <p><b>Country Roads Community Health Centre</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Childcare Training Course for youth who are turning 12 years of age in 2023 or older on August 21 from 9:30-3:00 and August 22 from 9:30-12:00. Registrants must attend both days.</li> <li>Home Alone Program for youth 10 years of age or older on Aug. 24 from 9:30-2:00.</li> <li>Spaces available in both programs</li> </ul> <p><b>Rideau Lakes Public Library</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer programming will be out soon and will include outside programs in the park</li> <li>Baby program will continue for the summer, school-aged programs will be offered</li> <li>Adult activities don't quit</li> <li>Portland branch has been revitalized with the children's area moved to front room</li> <li>Will have a presence at Elgin days, possibly fairs as well</li> <li>Free Play Fridays instead of Movie nights</li> <li>Friends of the Library donated furniture/rugs</li> <li>Attended Welcome to Kindergarten events</li> <li>Considering creating Grandparent Support Kits for older adults who are caregivers</li> </ul> <p><b>RVCA – Foley Mountain</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcoming many students from local schools for spring outdoor education programs</li> <li>Spring session for forest school is 75% done and information for fall registration will be available soon</li> <li>Summer day camp is coming up quickly – currently fully booked with waiting lists</li> <li>Have hosted 6 teacher candidates since February which has been a great opportunity to connect with more professionals who are committed to getting more children outside!</li> <li>Stay tuned for some events to celebrate Foley Mountain's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!</li> </ul> <p><b>Doug Bond Award</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jill Bond will present the award with either her sister Jen or NLYCC chair Cathy at the RDHS graduation on June 27</li> </ul>	
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 1pm at Rideau District High School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emily to email minutes and agenda prior to meeting</li> </ul>