

# JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2016 12:00 pm

**Convener:** John Milhiser, Chair

**Recorder:** Lorena Johnson, Secretary

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

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6. John Milhiser	State=s Attorney=s Office	<a href="mailto:johnmi@co.sangamon.il.us">johnmi@co.sangamon.il.us</a>
7. Karen Tharp	Associate Judge	<a href="mailto:karent@co.sangamon.il.us">karent@co.sangamon.il.us</a>
8. William Legge	Boys & Girls Club	<a href="mailto:wlegge@bgccil.org">wlegge@bgccil.org</a>
9. Rick Sanders	Springfield District # 186	<a href="mailto:rsanders@springfield.k12.il.us">rsanders@springfield.k12.il.us</a>
10. Lorena Johnson	UIS	<a href="mailto:Ljohn04s@uis.edu">Ljohn04s@uis.edu</a>
11. Dominique LaSalvia	Student Springfield Public Schools	
12. Shannon Fehrholz	Regional Office of Education	<a href="mailto:sfehrholz@roe51.k12.il.us">sfehrholz@roe51.k12.il.us</a>

**Guest:** Lyn Williams, Academic Assistant Principal, Lanphier High School

**Meeting Called to Order**

Chairman Milhiser called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm. Copies of the last meeting (September 14, 2016) was distributed via email to the council members.

**Approval of Minutes from December 1, 2016**

Chairman Milhiser asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2016 Juvenile Justice Council (JJC) Meeting. Terry Moore seconded the motion.

**New Business**

Chairman Milhiser welcomed the new JJC member, Dominique LaSalvia, student representative to the council.

Mike Torchia indicated that he would check with IDHS to see if JJC members registration for the Children in Poverty Conference could be covered by the grant.

**Old Business**

Lyn Williams provided an update on the PAWS Program: Data as of October 22, 2016

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- 12 students persist in the program
- Data shows an improvement in attendance and grades from last year
- Will want to continue the program at Lanphier and possibly expand to other schools, such as the two Lanphier feeder middle schools: Washington and Grant. 85% - 90% of these middle school students attend Lanphier.

Shannon Fehrholz reported that 600 truancy cases were opened on children in grades 1 – 5. There is a focus on intervention at the elementary school level. The Truancy Review Committee look at freshman and sophomore students and found that over 1000 cases could easily be opened on this population.

Chairman Milhiser indicated the need for the council to look into middle schools to address truancy. The following members agreed to form a committee:

- Rick Sanders
- Stephanie Hammer
- (Ask) Crystal Correa

Rick Sanders suggested the council examine the Harvard Park team approach that addresses truancy and disciplinary issues.

William Legge indicated that transportation is an issue for many low income students who struggle with attendance – truancy. It would be important to determine if transportation was a barrier for those students currently identified as truant.

William Legge shared information about college classes for low income high school junior and senior students to attend Lincoln Land Community College. Courses are held at the Boys and Girls Club. Students attend a, “How to be Successful in College”, orientation course. No cost to families. The program has been a challenge to get off the ground due the short turn around and start up time frame, only two weeks. The second cycle of the program will involve more marketing and a stronger link to District 186. An additional note is the need for students and parents to be aware that if they enroll in the program and fail to complete the courses that it could impact any future financial aid.

William Legge reported that 2017 Teen Scene event is scheduled for the April 7<sup>th</sup>. Planning for the event will start in January. The event will target businesses who are looking to employ kids. Kids would be able to complete employment applications at the event. The event would include resources, a punch card game to facilitate teens going from one vendor/station to the next, with a prize drawing at the end of the event.

Dominique LaSalvia suggested the event include sports activities, pizza – catering to draw teens to the event.

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### **Other Business**

No other business

### **Public Comment**

No public comment

**Next JJC Meeting:** February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12pm

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Milhiser asked for a motion to adjourn. Terry Moore motioned and seconded by Lorena Johnson. Meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm.