

January 21, 2015 Easthampton Coalition Youth Engagement Work Group meeting notes

Attendance: Tricia Dandrea, Bryan Delaney, Jacob LaPrade, Heidi Baj, Samantha Garcia, Renee Garcia, Bill Therrien, Stephanie Therrien

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The following ideas were discussed:

- 1) Brainstorming current practices at EHS with theatre. Might students interested in theatre engage in positive messaging? Revitalize improv theatre group. Funding for advisor?
- 2) Group thought the idea of parent resource guide is a good one. Not sure what focus will be and evidence to identify this is effective strategy for the Easthampton community. Renee and Bill vaguely remember these guides in Hampshire Gazette. Not everyone reads paper newspaper today. Many with on line access to news today.
- 3) Thought Social Media Campaign a win-win. Idea to include real Easthampton Youth in the photos if postcards strategy revisited.
- 4) Discussion re: Easthampton park location of “smokers’ corner” directly adjacent to EHS. The group identified that this continues to be a problem. Not sure what next steps will be. Students not sure why school leadership not taking steps to intervene and/or what is the school’s position on this.

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