



## Youth & Community Alliance of Smithtown

### Bullying/Cyberbullying Committee Meeting

April 3, 2017

Horizons Center Community Room

*Keeping Our Youth & Families Safe...  
Physically & Emotionally Healthy & Free of Substance Abuse*

#### Meeting highlights:

- a. Roundtable introductions were made.
- b. Overview was given about the **Youth and Community Alliance** and the last **General Membership Meeting**, which was held in February.
- c. Update on the **Bullying Awareness Video** being created by Kings Park High School students. Rick Holmes, their audio/visual dept. coordinator, is currently making revisions, and it is almost complete. Laura C. reached out to KP Superintendent, Tim Eagan and offered to help and/or include students from other school districts. It was decided that this KP video would serve as a model, which could then be replicated by other districts.
- d. Update on the Bullying App/Website: An open discussion took place on what the Bullying App should entail. The group discussed whether it should be live, or not, and other features. It was decided to not move forward with the App, but rather to develop a **Website/Webpage**. It will be easier to manage and more frequently used.

Some suggestions for the Website/Webpage were to list local Town of Smithtown resources; upload the KPHS video and other student videos/public service announcements, which will be made; create a blog that has timely information; strive to have the Website/Webpage constantly evolving; include resources for how to stand up to a bullying; how to be an “Upstander” and various ways to get involved to help; social media safety (scammers, trolls, online bullying), “We dine together” Club initiatives; list of emergency hotlines: Response and LI Crisis Center (516) 679-1111 and 631-852-NARC, if anyone witnesses any drug dealing going on, etc.

- e. The group had a discussion on what to do if they see bullying happening online- letting a school official know, and also discussed non-emergency police matters such as businesses selling alcohol to minors. The police (crime control) work with the police explorers to see if they, as young people, can buy alcohol.
- f. Students/parents with SADD club connections will touch base with them about the peer education projects for possible ideas.

**Next Steps:**

- a. The Youth Bureau will put together a survey monkey to get input from all Y & C Alliance members on **Website/Webpage content and goals.**
- b. Set up a Social Host Law, community education event during Smithtown Day and/or a Bullying Cyberbullying education campaign.
  1. Possibly, develop a flyer to hand out at **Smithtown Day** and **Kings Park Day** (and other community events), which has the Website/Webpage link on it.
  2. National Guard Counter-Drug Task Force will help with any marketing materials, resource links and designs or logos.
- c. Laura Campanelli, the spokesperson for this committee will give a report during the General Membership Meeting on 5/25/17 at the Smithtown Library Main Branch, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM. She will update all Y & C Alliance of Smithtown members about Bullying/Cyberbullying Committee activities.



**Youth & Community Alliance of Smithtown**

“To promote the health and wellness of our young people; mobilize schools and communities; and utilize resources to create and sustain an environment where destructive decisions and substance abuse are reduced”