



Child Advocacy Board Minutes 2/27/2024

Attendance: Misti Collier, Alana Jeter, Casey Wasson, Craig Shaw, Debra McCracken, Dee Moore, Janey Wawerna, Jason Shaw, Jim Hicks, Karon Hall, Melinda Beard, Phil Crowley, and Aubri Ward

Call to Order at 1600 by Jason Shaw

1. Public comment on any item on the agenda – NONE
2. Approve minutes from 2/6/2024 board meeting
 - a. Motion by J. Hicks
 - b. 2nd by D. Moore
 - c. Motion passed, minutes approved as presented
3. Awareness Event Discussion
 - a. Prime Time will no longer be able to provide previous services for free. To include all activities, new charge will be \$20 per student.
 - b. Due to late notice, PrimeTime states they will discount cost to \$10 per student
 - c. Discussion:
 - Late notice to cancel
 - Kids essentially paying for their own party if utilizing funds from the monies raised
 - Other ideas offered such as pizza party, gift
 - Sponsorship for this years event – multiple board members offered to assist with this
 - Utilizing CAC unrestricted funds for cost of this years event
 - d. Motion by J. Hicks to use unrestricted funds to cover this years cost.
 - 2nd by D. McCracken
 - Board will re-evaluate change event for 2025
 - e. Board made aware that Wylie elementary schools have reached out to CAC stating that teachers are not “comfortable” handing out the information on abuse to the students and request a digital copy be made available to email out to families.
 - Discussion:
 - * CAC has offered training for the teachers to help with any questions that may arise from students

* Purpose of giving students reading material is to illicit a conversation about abuse and let students know that their teachers are a safe place to report. Digital information would be counterproductive to this purpose.

* Teachers are often the first line of communication for students in abusive situations and need to have a certain level of comfort in these discussions

* A student in an abused home would never receive the information if it is sent to the homes digitally.

* Time restraints will not allow digital information for the 2024 event

* Teachers need to be comfortable in giving a voice to a child in a situation that they have no power over

- CAC staff will reach back to Wylie administration and ask that students be allowed to participate in this years event as previously held, with written information. Board will discuss and make adjustments to subsequent awareness events

Adjournment at 1637- Next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2024 at 4:00 pm

Cassy Wash