Gang Reduction and Intervention Task Force (GRIT)

Steering Committee Notes

June 27, 2022

Call to Order 4:18 p.m.

* WAY Program, funded by Commerce Group Violence Intervention Strategies Grant and DCYF Gun Violence Prevention Grant – Sarah Augustine
  + Commerce grant RFP from the department of Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention is supposed to be published this week, these funds is for a 2-year cycle that should meet current WAY program requirements.
  + We have JAG bridge funding through September 30
  + Current # Program Participants: 15; Number of participants who separated since first program year: 16
* YPD Community Outreach Meeting Analysis Report
  + Report attached to the email with these meeting notes.
  + Insights of participants attitudes toward police and community safety revealed, i.e. communication between the police and community is seen as problematic and needing improvement.
  + Comments and question on the report can be sent to Felisa Gonzalez or Michelle Lee.
* Strategic Plan: Franklin Middle School Family Engagement Nights
  + DRC tabled at 3 Franklin Middle School events and reached more than 2 dozen people. We were encouraged to table at school orientation events in August.
  + Report has been shared. Comments and question on the report can be sent to Felisa Gonzalez.
* Yakima Youth Leadership Program: Site Visit from Researcher
  + Grant funding YYLP is at the end of their 3-year cycle.
  + 20 students are currently engaged in summer activities with Education Advocates; 20 students have graduated through the program.
  + Proposed Visit from Researcher will be to the Sept. GRIT Village
    - Presentation focused on the YYLP successes.
* Next Village Meeting: July 20, 2022 – St Michaels Episcopal Church & Zoom – Strategic Plan Engagement
  + This will be an interactive meeting where attendees will be asked to contribute their ideas to accomplishing goals in the Strategic Plan.

Next Steering Committee meeting: July 27, 2022 @ 4:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Notes submitted by Felisa Gonzalez, DRC