Simsbury Youth Service Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2026, at 2:30PM
Simsbury High School Trojan Commons Room

MINUTES

On October 5, 2026, the Simsbury Youth Services Advisory Board met in person.

Present: Rachael Loveland (Social Services), Amy Papale (Simsbury Public Schools), Mary Richardson (Simsbury Public Library), Diana Yeisley (BOS), Chris Sheahan (SRO).

Meeting called to order at 2:33 PM.

There was no public comment.

Minutes were reviewed from March 2026 meeting, Officer Sheahan noted that he was in attendance however minutes did not reflect that. No vote was taken on minutes as a quorum was not reached.

Current youth issues discussed included: custodial findings at SHS of increased Zyn usage, vaping at the library by youth, unsafe usage of E-Bikes in the community and a parent survey completed by high school students last spring that indicated parent concerns about gambling and sports betting in youth. Conversation touched on volunteer needs of youth in the community and local options for students to complete volunteer hours. Teen job fair is in the works with a potential January 2027 event.

No report from Simsbury School Resource Officer.

No report from Simsbury Public Schools.

No report from Simsbury Culture, Parks & Recreation.

Simsbury Teen Librarian reports a successful summer reading program with increased participation within the teen program. New middle school students are asking for programming so that is in development. A CPR class is int eh works in partnership with Parks & Rec.

Simsbury Social Services noted that Energy Season is up and running, with household actively applying for oil assistance. The youth Holiday program will start November 1st with Social Service collecting wish lists from students and families who are income eligible and they will be matched to donors in the community.

Board Liaison report notes that there is funding being worked though BOS and BOF for teen library space, Eno and Apple Barn. There is a Track & Field project on the BOE side, and the community is doing fundraising for a concession stand, bathrooms and team rooms.

With no other business, meeting was adjourned at 3:02 PM.

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