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ARPA Needs Assessment Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 24, 2022 @ 3:00 pm

Members in attendance:

Connie Manes
Joe Agli
Glenn Sanchez
Ruth Epstein
Craig Bibb

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1. The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm
 2. A motion to accept the agenda for the meeting was made by Ruth Epstein and seconded by Craig Bibb. All approved.
 3. A motion was made by Glenn Sanchez and seconded by Joe Agli to approve the minutes of the 2/16/22 meeting. All approved.
 4. No members of the public were present
 5. Craig Bibb discussed his 2/17 phone meeting with KCS Principal Michelle Mott. She is most interested in using ARPA funds to improve post-Covid student socialization via an after-school enrichment program. Ms. Mott is also looking for ways to better formalize the school's arrangement with Kent School for the shared use of athletic fields. The latter was also highlighted in the Kent POCD report and in recent Park and Rec meetings.
 6. The board members discussed plans for engaging additional residents and businesses in focus groups. Social service organizations will already be well represented.
 7. Connie Manes explained East Windsor's ERASE methodology for allocating money to local businesses using a simple form and a paid administrator. The board had mixed views about this approach.
 8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 pm

These are draft minutes. Corrections may be made by the Committee at a subsequent meeting. Please refer to subsequent meeting minutes for possible corrections and approval of these minutes.

ARPA Assessment Committee charge: to conduct a needs assessment to make recommendations to the BoS on potential uses for the ARPA funds.

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