



Sheila Soule <ssoule@anwsd.org>

Event Request for Thursday, June 8th 2023

2 messages

Tara Thomas <tara.thomas3@aol.com>

Wed, May 24, 2023 at 1:53 PM

To: Sheila Soule <ssoule@anwsd.org>

Cc: "Tonya Meacham (Ashton FCS)" <tonyameacham1@gmail.com>, jchamberlin@anwsd.org, Glory Martin <gmartin@anwsd.org>

Hello,

To whom it may concern;

A facilities use request form was submitted today Wednesday, May 24th 2023 through the ANWSD online submission form, per confirmation email below. As required, I am giving 15 days notice to hold this event on Thursday, June 8th 6:30pm-8:30pm at Vergennes Union Middle and High School gymnasium or library to discuss the scientific, statistical, and factual harmful effects of gender affirming care and treatments.

We request that the attached flyer be approved for distribution to parents and community members in ANWSD via the district's email newsletter or website for flyer or announcements; physical bulletin boards in the high school and middle schools; take-home distribution; and any other available methods of distribution.

Thank you for your assistance!

Tara Ferf Jentink
Tonya Meacham

Confirmation email for event request:

(This message is to notify you of a new schedule request.)

The facility schedule request listed below was routed to Jody Chamberlin and is waiting for his/her approval.

FS Schedule ID: 2300
Event Title: Transgender "Care" Helpful or Harmful?
Status: Submitted
Schedule State: Inactive
Organization: Parents Rights in Education National
Events:

Date : 6/8/2023
Start Time : 6:30 PM
End Time : 8:30 PM
Location : Vergennes High School
Building : Multi-Purpose
Area :
Room(s) : Auditorium

 **VERMONT SEMINAR FLYER June 8th 2023.pdf**
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Sheila Soule <ssoule@anwsd.org>

Thu, May 25, 2023 at 3:28 PM

To: Tara Thomas <tara.thomas3@aol.com>

Cc: "Tonya Meacham (Ashton FCS)" <tonyameacham1@gmail.com>, jchamberlin@anwsd.org, Glory Martin <gmartin@anwsd.org>

Hello Tara,

We cannot accommodate your request for June 8th- it is graduation week and we have limited bandwidth to support outside facility use. The first availability we have is the week of June 19th. Alternately, we recently learned that One Credit Union in town has a community space that will support 15 people. There is also the Bixby Library or a local church. If you would like to aim for the week of June 19th please resubmit a new request.

Sheila

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Sheila Soule <ssoule@anwsd.org>

Detransitioner Event Request Tuesday, June 20th "Transgender "Care" Helpful or Harmful" with Walt Heyer

14 messages

Tara Thomas <tara.thomas3@aol.com>

Wed, Jun 7, 2023 at 12:19 PM

To: Sheila Soule <ssoule@anwsd.org>

Cc: gwright@anwsd.org, Glory Martin <gmartin@anwsd.org>, "Tonya Meacham (Ashton FCS)" <tonyameacham1@gmail.com>

Hello,

To whom it may concern;

A facilities use request form was submitted for a possible event on Tuesday, June 20th through the ANWSD online submission form. The event "Transgender "Care" Harmful or Helpful" with international speaker and detransitioner Walt Heyer will discuss the scientific, statistical, and factual harmful effects of gender affirming care and treatments.

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Cc: gwright@anwsd.org, Glory Martin <gmartin@anwsd.org>, "Tonya Meacham (Ashton FCS)" <tonyameacham1@gmail.com>

Bcc: Rae Donovan <rdonovan@anwsd.org>, Matthew DeBlois <mdeblois@anwsd.org>, Jody Chamberlin <jchamberlin@anwsd.org>

Hello Tara,

We decline to publish your event in our school newsletter. The school newsletter is not for publishing community events. We publish school events and other educational events for children. I suggest

FPF or Addison Independent. As noted on your flyer, your event has nothing to do with our organization.

Sheila

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Sheila Soule <ssoule@anwsd.org>
To: Monica Wood <mdesrochers@anwsd.org>

Wed, Jun 7, 2023 at 12:35 PM

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Debbi Smith <dsmith@anwsd.org>
To: Sheila Soule <ssoule@anwsd.org>

Thu, Jun 8, 2023 at 8:13 AM

Hello,

Gary wanted me to check with you regarding the requests for this event and how you wanted me to respond.

They are requesting mobile equipment: laptop, screen, cables, accessories for all. If the group becomes too large they want to move into the gym and have the bleachers taken out. My only thoughts are #1 we do not give out our laptops for use and that is the last day for our non full time staff so there is no one here to set up any of this.

How would you like me to proceed?

Thank you,

Debbi

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Gary Wright** <gwright@anwsd.org>

Date: Thu, Jun 8, 2023 at 7:45AM

Subject: Fwd: Detransitioner Event Request Tuesday, June 20th "Transgender "Care" Helpful or Harmful" with Walt Heyer

To: Debbi Smith <dsmith@anwsd.org>

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From: **Sheila Soule** <ssoule@anwsd.org>

Date: Wed, Jun 7, 2023 at 12:35 PM

Subject: Re: Detransitioner Event Request Tuesday, June 20th "Transgender "Care" Helpful or Harmful" with Walt Heyer

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Cc: <gwright@anwsd.org>, Glory Martin <gmartin@anwsd.org>, Tonya Meacham (Ashton FCS) <tonyameacham1@gmail.com>

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Sheila Soule <ssoule@anwsd.org>
To: Debbi Smith <dsmith@anwsd.org>

Thu, Jun 8, 2023 at 8:17 AM

Hi Debbi

I think you can respond by saying that we did not realize the scope of what they were trying to do and that we cannot accommodate them. Tell them we thought that they just needed access to the space. We do not supply or have personnel to work on these items. Tell them sorry and deny the request.

Sheila

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Debbi Smith <dsmith@anwsd.org>
To: Sheila Soule <:ssoule@anwsd.org>

Thu, Jun 8, 2023 at 8:19 AM

Thank you!

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Cc: gwright@anwsd.org, Glory Martin <gmartin@anwsd.org>, "Tonya Meacham (Ashton FCS)" <tonyameacham1@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 8, 2023 at 11:39 AM

Sheila,

Thank you for your response regarding the school newsletter. We will reach out to FPF and the Addison Independent as well.

We would like to utilize any other ways ANWSD permits community members to inform parents and students about this event, consistent with Policy E21, Distribution of Non-School Sponsored Literature in the Schools. The policy is available for your ease of reference here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/17jTPfKfXkvaV4eEftl1nXaZs-CCu_JE/view

We also requested the District approving the flyer for display on physical bulletin boards in the high school and middle schools; take-home distribution, and any District announcement webpage for community activities that are relevant to parents and students. If the District has no announcement webpage, then the bulletin boards and take-home distribution would be appropriate; we may even be able to have volunteers distribute the flyers to willing parents waiting in the pick-up line.

A slight correction regarding the disclaimer on the flyer: the flyer does not say it has nothing to do with Addison Northwest; it states that the event is "privately sponsored" and does not "bear the imprimatur or endorsement" of the school district.

I am therefore requesting your approval for these flyers' 1) display on physical bulletin boards; 2) take-home distribution; 3) physical distribution by volunteers on district property; and 4) (if available) display on a District web announcement page.

Debbi Smith <dsmith@anwsd.org>
To: Tara Thomas <tara.thomas3@aol.com>
Bcc: ssoule@anwsd.org

Thu, Jun 8, 2023 at 2:39 PM

Hello Tara,

Good afternoon, sorry for the confusion. In your original request, a laptop, mobile screen, and cables were requested. Additionally requested was a possible move to the gym and bleachers put out. We do have the drop down screen in the library for use.

The date you are requesting is our last official day of school for most of our staff, when we go to just summer crew. We typically do not hold functions at the schools while on break.

Since you will only need the use of the screen, we can put your event back on the calendar.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Debbi Smith
Confidential Administrative Assistant to the
Director of Buildings, Grounds & Safety
Addison Northwest Supervisory District
802-471-2296
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To: Tara Thomas <tara.thomas@adl.com>
Cc: Glory Martin <gmartin@anwsd.org>, "Tonya Meacham (Ashton FCS)" <tonyameacham1@gmail.com>, Matthew DeBlois <mdeblois@anwsd.org>, Jody Chamberlin <jchamberlin@anwsd.org>, Rae Donovan <rdonovan@anwsd.org>

Tara,

We do not have bulletin boards for outside groups to post information. You may generally distribute flyers on school grounds, such as in the parking lot. With regard to your request to have volunteers distribute the flyers to parents waiting in the pick-up line, I cannot agree. Under Policy E21, Distribution of Non-School Sponsored Literature in the Schools, the Superintendent may place reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on the distribution of non-school sponsored literature. In order to maintain the orderly and safe flow of students leaving school, we do not allow anyone to distribute flyers in the pick-line.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Sheila Soule <ssoule@anwsd.org>

School Equipment Use for Event Questions

2 messages

Tara Thomas <tara.thomas3@aol.com>

Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM

To: Debbi Smith <dsmith@anwsd.org>

Cc: alex.katsnelson@pm.me, rohanfsmarthe@yahoo.com, Sheila Soule <ssoule@anwsd.org>

Debbi,

Thank you for the clarification. Can you please confirm what school equipment exactly I will have access to for the zoom meeting and event Tuesday, June 20th 6:00pm-8:30pm?

Yes, we will utilize the school library projector screen.

- 1) Can we also utilize the projector?
- 2) Does the projector have cables available to hook up to a personal laptop? Or do we need to bring our own?
- 3) What school district personnel will be on campus to unlock the school facility and provide access to the library?
- 4) I have hired two technical support persons. I have cc'd them on this email. Can you please approve for them to use the school library projector screen, projector, and accessories?

Alex Katsnelson is a college student in computer science. Rohan Marthe also has a background in technical support. They will arrive at 6:00pm to set up, and be responsible for tear down.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Kindly,

Tara Ferf Jentink

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The Community Use of School Facilities policy specifically contemplates the use of "audiovisual equipment:" "The Superintendent may allow individuals and groups to use special equipment, such as audiovisual equipment, provided that the group uses an operator of the equipment who is approved by the Superintendent." See the last paragraph in the policy: (<https://www.anwsd.org/uploads/files/E20%20Community%20Use%20of%20School%20Facilities.pdf>).

In addition, the Procedures for Use of Facilities contemplates the use of District-owned equipment; in this case, the screen and projector.

- "District-owned equipment shall not be removed from the facility or loaned to any individual or organization **unless prior approval by the District has been granted**. Groups or individuals cannot use district-owned expendable supplies."
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See Procedures, bullet points 9 and 10: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qRGZjr6l6SI-nJX3I_VrQosa4z-FFn_kfxJFmwHksrl/edit.

Please double check and confirm whether you are correct that the Library has no video screen or projector, or that cannot be moved to the Library without unreasonable burden on District staff.

As for the facility not being available: please advise as to the conflicting use, or unavailability. Is the Library being used by another party during the specific times we requested? The event was approved via the Schooldude facilities website that is for the purpose of verifying availability; and I saw no other conflicting uses on the school facilities calendar.

Thank you for your continued assistance.

Sincerely,

Tara Ferf Jentink

Tara,

The following events have been canceled because the facility is not available on these dates. We apologize in advance as we did not realize the scope of what you would need for your event. We do not supply equipment (laptop, screen, cables, etc.) or have the personnel to work on your requested needs.

Thank you,
Debbi Smith
Facilities Dept.

FS Schedule ID: 2305
Event Title: Transgender Care Helpful or Harmful?
Status : Approved
Schedule State : Activated
Organization: Parents Rights in Education National

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Date : 6/20/2023
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Sheila Soule <ssoule@anwsd.org>

Re: Extra Chairs Request

2 messages

Debbi Smith <dsmith@anwsd.org>
To: Tara Thomas <tara.thomas3@aol.com>
Cc: Sheila Soule <ssoule@anwsd.org>

Tue, Jun 13, 2023 at 11:20 AM

Tara,

We have decided based on the extra chair request to move your event into the auditorium. Seating will not be an issue and bonus no one needs to set up or take down chairs. I will make sure the projector screen is down and speakers are set.

The screen works the same way, you would just need to plug your laptop into the projector. Door access would be the auditorium entrance, so everyone would park on the right side of the building.

Thanks,
Debbi Smith

On Tue, Jun 13, 2023 at 10:57 AM Tara Thomas <tara.thomas3@aol.com> wrote:

Ok. Thank you!

Please respond as soon as possible to my other email in regards to utilizing school equipment so I can let my technicians know how they need to prepare.

Tara Ferf Jentink

On Jun 13, 2023, at 09:25, Debbi Smith <dsmith@anwsd.org> wrote:

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I believe there is 50 chairs in the library.

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Debbi,

I have a team of people to assist with set up and tear down of chairs. Set up will begin at 6:00pm Tuesday June 20th.

Can you please confirm extra chairs can be made available for the library?

Thank you,

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Wed, Jun 14, 2023 at 10:24 AM

Sounds good. Thank you!

Tara Ferf Jentink

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Sheila Soule <ssoule@anwsd.org>

Certificate of Insurance

1 message

Debbi Smith <dsmith@anwsd.org>
To: Tara Thomas <tara.thomas3@aol.com>
Cc: Sheila Soule <ssoule@anwsd.org>

Mon, Jun 19, 2023 at 10:54 AM

Hi Tara,

We will need a certificate of insurance before the event. Could you please forward me a copy of your organizations certificate. I do need this in hand before you can start setting up.

If you have questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

Debbi Smith
Confidential Administrative Assistant to the
Director of Buildings, Grounds & Safety
Addison Northwest Supervisory District
802-471-2296



Sheila Soule <ssoule@anwsd.org>

Insurance Certificate IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED2 messages

Debbi Smith <dsmith@anwsd.org>
To: Tara Thomas <tara.thomas3@aol.com>
Cc: Sheila Soule <ssoule@anwsd.org>

Mon, Jun 19, 2023 at 3:03 PM

Tara,

Your certificate of insurance will need to be sent to me by 9 a.m. tomorrow or the event will need to be cancelled. Please disregard the email I sent earlier as it was missing the time I needed it by. I have also left you 2 voicemails (at the phone number listed on your FS Direct contact sheet) mentioning the same.

If you have any questions regarding this, please let me know.

Thanks,

Debbi Smith
Confidential Administrative Assistant to the
Director of Buildings, Grounds & Safety
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Richard Mast <RMast@lc.org>
To: "dsmith@anwsd.org" <dsmith@anwsd.org>, "ssoule@anwsd.org" <ssoule@anwsd.org>
Cc: Anthony Duprey <anthony@dupreylaw.com>

Mon, Jun 19, 2023 at 4:55 PM

Dear Ms. Smith and Superintendent Soule:

Please find attached a response on the insurance issue, dated 06192023. I have attached a copy of yesterday's letter for your ready reference.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard Mast

Richard L. Mast, Esq.*
Senior Litigation Counsel
Liberty Counsel
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Orlando, FL 32854
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Begin forwarded message:

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Date: June 19, 2023 at 12:03:52 PDT
To: Tara Thomas <tara.thomas3@aol.com>
Cc: Sheila Soule <ssoule@anwsd.org>
Subject: Insurance Certificate IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED

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2 attachments

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 **Ltr - to ANWSD re PRE speaking event - 06182023.pdf**
1078K



Sheila Soule <ssoule@anwsd.org>

Insurance Certificate

1 message

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To: Tara Thomas <tara.thomas3@aol.com>
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Tue, Jun 20, 2023 at 9:00 AM

Hello Tara,

We have determined that the short time frame we allowed for you to submit your insurance information was not adequate and therefore we are granting leniency.

We will allow your event to take place and please get your insurance certificate to us as soon as possible.

Thank,

Debbi Smith
Confidential Administrative Assistant to the
Director of Buildings, Grounds & Safety
Addison Northwest Supervisory District
802-471-2296

Invoice/Facility Use

Sheila Soule <ssoule@anwsd.org>
To: Elizabeth Jennings <ejennings@anwsd.org>

Wed, Jun 21, 2023 at 12:12 PM

One more

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Debbi Smith** <dsmith@anwsd.org>
Date: Wed, Jun 21, 2023 at 12:11 PM
Subject: Invoice/Facility Use
To: Tara Thomas <tara.thomas3@aol.com>

Hello Tara,

Attached please find invoice for facility use - auditorium on 6/20/23.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

Debbi Smith
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Director of Buildings, Grounds & Safety
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802-471-2296

 **Parents Rights in Education Invoice 6-21-23.pdf**
210K

Addison Northwest School District

INVOICE

11 Main Street, Suite B100
Vergennes, VT 05491
1-(802)- 877-3332

DATE:	June 21, 2023
INVOICE #	1050
FOR:	Auditoruim Use

Bill To:

Parents Rights in Education
Tara Ferf Jentink
Email: tara.thomas3@aol.com
2319 Greenbush Rd, North Ferrisburgh, VT 05473

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Auditorium Use for Event held 6/20/23	\$ 30.00
TOTAL	\$ 30.00

NOTE: Invoice emailed not mailed.

Make all checks payable to Addison Northwest School District
Please send checks to Dan Jewell at Central Office
PAYMENT DUE UPON RECEIPT Thank you!

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