

**Active Living**  
**November 7, 2017**  
**YMCA**  
**1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**In Attendance:** Elizabeth Kelly, Chad Buggert, Chris Strand, Anna Amundson, Ray Jobe and Sara Ferkul

The group discussed the parent survey results.

We chose Silver Lake Beach for a site location, based on the survey results. We also discussed possibly walking to the Farmer's Market on Thursdays so the kids could take part in the Power of Produce program. We will need to speak with the city about a few different concerns.

- Would the city be willing to let us have access to the building when it is not rented out? Access to the building would be nice as a backup for inclement weather, there is also kitchen area, tables and chairs.
- Could there be an additional bathroom added to the site?
- Would the city be able to add additional cross walk signage at the roadway that we determine to be the route to the farmer's market?
- Or would it be a possibility for the police to observe the kids crossing the street? It may make the kids feel important.

United Way will be able to purchase meals through INAC. We will need to pick the meals up and transport them to the site. United Way has purchased coolers for storage and transportation. There was also discussion of purchasing non-perishable meals in the case that more kids attend than meals were ordered. It was also mentioned that food theft spikes by youth during summer months. It is believed that is due to lack of meals available to children when school is not in session.

We discussed which times would work best. According to the parent survey the time slot that worked best was from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. followed by 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. It was also shown by an overwhelming percentage that most parents would be dropping their child off. This information was a bit surprising because of past programs that have shown that transportation is a problem.

We talked about reaching out to the Iron Range Youth in Action coordinators to find out if they had any feedback on how to engage youth.

We also briefly spoke about activities and discussed a strategy of how we would be able to get parents to sign waivers. Certain activities would require a signed parents' permission slip. We also decided that we will have activities such as crafts or coloring for the kids that are unable to participate due to not having a signed waiver.

**Next Meeting:**

December 5, 2017

YMCA

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.