



Colchester Youth FIRST

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YOUTH FIRST COALITION September 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes Location: Colchester Youth Center Time: 5:00-6:30pm

Voting members present: Lorraine Marvin, Linda Bromley, Pam Scheibelein, Gina Ebbeling, Kathy Wonderly, Robert Suchecki, Ginnie Streppa,

Voting members absent: Shirley Ellis, Josh Vinoski

Non voting members present: Linda Iacobellis, Barbara Gilbert, Christopher Bennett

Non voting members absent: None

Others present: Valerie Geato, Jennifer Martino, Amber Albee, Rob Tarlov (BOF), Michael Voiland (BOE), Susan Brown

1. Call meeting to order at 5:06 pm
2. Public comments: Youth Center Open House will occur following the meeting from 5:30p until 6:30p. It will serve as a time for youth and their parents to see the youth center and familiarize themselves with the Open Youth Center program. We can use the time to potentially recruit more parents for the board.
3. Fall Program Updates:
 - a. Jen Martino stated that Friday Night Trips are planned including a trip to the Big E, Lake Compounce, and Laser tag.
 - b. A new program called Girls on Track is set to begin; it is an empowerment program that involves working toward running a 5K in December.
 - c. Open Youth Center begins next week and YAC starts soon as well.
 - d. Teens In Action has started on a weekly basis stocking and cleaning the food bank in an effort to streamline the tasks of our volunteers.
4. Town status of Youth FIRST Coalition
 - a. A meeting was held last week with Stan Soby, recommendations were given and it is still a work in progress.
5. Bake Sale Committee
 - a. We would like to create a group of individuals that would be responsible for holding bake sales in order to spread the word about Youth FIRST and to raise funds. They will be at open houses, events at the schools, etc. It could be people other than those on our board as a way of being involved with a lesser commitment level in terms of time. We can speak to people we know and place an ad in the digital backpack looking for interested family members.

6. It was mentioned that Bacon teacher Garrett Dukette is leading a pilot Capstone Project available to Bacon students that would focus on job mirroring and skill building. Maybe youth services would be able to provide an opportunity for the project.
7. Adjourn at 5:28 pm
8. Youth Center Open House from 5:30-6:30 pm