

Joint Selectmen/School Board Subcommittee Meeting
March 19, 2015
Minutes

Attendees: Paul Punturieri, Chris Shipp, Richard Brown, Lauren Lavoie Sturgeon, Donna Kuethe

Audience/Video: Nancy Wright

Donna Kuethe, Recreation Dept. Director, reviewed the calendar she had provided for department needs for space for summer programs. Summer camps will be six week programs, need training time for staff. Some are from out of state and return to school in August. The schools have offered space which will be sufficient for the Wrecking Crew and Happy Campers so that programs can still be conducted even in inclement weather. The rooms may vary as some may be in the process of cleaning after school ends. There still may be a challenge to make the call to move the Wrecking Crew to the Academy on days when it may rain as the camp is held outdoors at Playground Drive.

The gym floor refinishing was discussed and once it is refinished it should be available to use by July 19th or so. In the interim, the multi-purpose room can be used.

Donna reviewed the numbers for each camp and for 2014 had a total of 118 for the two programs. 10-12 counselors are needed for each program.

The fee for the ½ day program is \$75 per child with additional fees for field trips. Paul asked if we can keep very accurate numbers this summer so we can find out if the program is breaking even or losing money. Donna mentioned that without a full day camp, we lose kids to other programs. She will investigate the cost of the full day Meredith program. The goal is to now work with the school for a full day program for 2016.

Richard Brown discussed the School Board embarking on development of a 5 year plan and would like to participate in the marketing plan that will be developed by the Town. The committee discussed what the optimal number is for enrollment and population. It was determined that each board would try and determine what that optimal number would be. It was agreed that the next meeting would be April 23, 2015 at 9 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Punturieri