

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee Meeting,
January 9th, 2015

Members Present: Ms. Ruth Backman, Ms. Corrie Dretler, Mr. Joseph Karbowski,
Ms. Sarah Greenaway, Ms. Jane Purser, Ms. Deborah Seidman

Also Present: Dr. Lynn Dowd, Dr. Dossie Kahn

Minutes of YAC December minutes reviewed and amended to correct attendance record

Staff updates

- New referrals slowed a bit over holidays
- Grandparents Discussion group continues to meet monthly with Dr. Kahn
- Dr. Kahn continues weekly WHS drop “Snack & Relax” stress reduction drop in group
- Prevention Specialist Hiring process is awaiting decision of the Finance Committee regarding funds available for FY16
- Electronic schedule and record software configuring continues
- *Project Resilience* a parent education program created by WHS SADD students with collaboration and support by WYFS will be presented January 14th
- Quarter 2 WYFS statistics presented to the YAC

Discussion

- Financing of new Prevention Specialist WYFS staff positions discussed
- Board members raised ongoing concerns about teen substance abuse, including use of vaporizers for nicotine and THC, and a location referred to by youth as the “Garage” in Natick where teens are reportedly using and dealing drugs. Members described ongoing communication with Wayland and Natick police regarding this matter.

Dates for 2014/2015 academic year: 02/06, 03/06, 04/03, 05/01, 06/06

All meetings will convene at 9:00am in the Wayland Town Building Second Floor, School Department Small Conference Room unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,
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