

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee Meeting,  
September 10, 2015

Members Present: Ms. Ruth Backman, Rev. Theodore Crass, Ms. Corrie Dretler, Ms. Sarah Greenaway,  
Ms. Deborah Seidman

Also Present: Dr. Marlene Dodyk, Dr. Lynn Dowd,  
Dr. Dossie Kahn, Ms. Jane Purser, Mr. Jason Verhoosky

Minutes of YAC June meeting reviewed and corrected: Ms. Purser was not in attendance at that meeting

Staff updates

- Pace of referrals remained consistent and slow over summer.
- Four WPD diversion cases were referred.
- Grandparents Discussion group continues to meet monthly with Dr. Kahn.
- Dr. Kahn will offer a new 3 session group to parents of WHS students 10/14, 21 & 28.
- HS Summer Community Service Program had 18 participants who completed 294.5 hours of service, working on projects ranging from working in community gardens to making blankets for children living in emergency shelter.
- Mr. Verhoosky summarized WaylandCares programming since he and Ms. Purser began this summer. They have begun planning programs with principals in all the schools, and with Chief Irving of WPD. They have begun meetings with Wayland faith community and business leaders. New Youth Advisors for WHS and WMS have been identified and hiring is in process. WHS students attended SADD National and Youth to Youth conferences, WMS students also attended Youth to Youth. WHS students have designed posters for a substance abuse prevention poster campaign, which the staff has launched. Staff has been developing the WaylandCares website and continuing and expanding social media presence.
- The first WaylandCares Coalition meeting will be held at WHS 7:30am, on September 22<sup>nd</sup>; all are invited to attend.
- FY 15 stats and introduction to budget process were presented by Dr. Dowd.

Board Updates

- Ms. Greenaway and Ms. Seidman were elected co-chairs, Rev. Crass nominated, Ms. Dretler seconded, and the board unanimously approved their appointment to that role.
- Vacancies of members appointed by the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen have yet to be filled; Dr. Dowd reported four individuals have applied to volunteer

Discussion

- Board members expressed concern about the impact of E-cigarette or vape-focused businesses in surrounding towns and the potential impact on youth tobacco and marijuana use.

YAC Meeting Dates: 10/09/15, 11/06/15, and 12/04/15 at 9:00 AM, Wayland Town Building, Second Floor, School Department Small Conference Room, unless otherwise notified

Respectfully submitted,

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