

Amended Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday October 9, 2015

Members Present: Ruth Backman, Sarah Greenaway, Deborah Seidman and Malcolm Astley

Also Present: Lynn Dowd, Marlene Dodyk, Jason Verhoosky and Jane Purser

Ruth volunteered to record the meeting minutes in the absence of Dossie Kahn.

1. Introductions of all present and a welcome to Malcolm Astley the new appointee for the School Committee.

Lynn Dowd announced that Brenda Ross will be the new appointee for the Selectmen.

Co- Chairs for Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) this year will be Deborah Seidman and Sarah Greenaway

2. Minute Approval for the 9/10/15 meeting

Minutes not approved due to lack of a quorum. Moved to 11/6/15 Agenda.

3. Conflict of Interest Document

All Members were reminded by co chairs to go on line and complete the training and print and sign the certificate.

4. Counseling Updates

- Dossie Kahn will be leading a parents group.
- Two new cases for Diversion.
- Dossie Kahn will present at the Mom to Mom group at the Trinitarian Church.
- Sarah Greenaway reported that there has been an increase in the attendance at the "Snack and Relax" program at WHS lead by Dossie Kahn and James Chiarelli. Sarah enlisted the help of some parents to provide baked goods for the program that meets at 1:15 PM on Wednesdays. Some discussion followed regarding how to get the info about the program to students that would benefit and encourage students to attend. Deborah Seidman asked if guidance could perhaps identify kids that might benefit from such a program, and contact the parents of the kids to engage them in baking or encouraging their children to attend. More discussion on outreach to kids that might not be connected. Marlene Dodyk will speak with guidance.

5. WaylandCares

- Jason Verhoosky reported on the many things he and Jane Purser have organized the past few months. He reported on the WalandCares meeting at WHS 9/22/15. He also reported that the Internet Safety Program presented by Katie Greer at the WHS and WMS was well received and the Parent Presentation the same evening provided a good structure for future programming. There was an article in WaylandCares in the Town Crier. Jason is planning a program Nov 12th for 4th and 5th graders and their parents to attend in the evening. The

focus is on Internet usage and appropriate use of the internet and social media. Malcolm Astley brought up the topic of pornography access to those as young as 8 years old. Several commented that this happens on the school bus where older children may show younger children. Marlene Dodyk suggested Jason speak with guidance counselors prior to the presentation to learn of recent concerns. The SADD group is planning a Fall Festival to raise money. John Berry is the SADD advisor and will be guiding the students in their planning for the 10/17/15 event at WHS. Jason spoke at the September PIE Meeting at WHS with the principal and about 25 parents. Jason reported that prevention posters created by WHS students will soon be on the pillars at the front of WHS.

- Jason presented a show and tell to the committee on e- cigarettes. These are not FDA approved. You must be 21 to purchase e-cigarettes or products. "Vaping", is the term for using the delivery device. Users can produce large clouds of vapor (exhale). Nicotine, Caffeine, herbal infused liquids as well as marijuana or THC can be used. Only tobacco is regulated by the board of health. The Mass Tobacco Control Board is working to regulate e cigs. Marlene will check on the school policy regarding these devices.

6. Budget

Lynn distributed budget sheets for the FY 17. It was agreed that more explanation was needed. She will circulate an update prior to the next meeting.

Next Meeting Nov. 6th at 9 AM and Dec. 4th at 9 AM

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Backman