

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee Meeting,
May 3, 2013

Members Present: Detective Ruth Backman, Ms. Corrie Dretler, Mr. Geoffrey Higgins,
Ms. Jane Purser, Mr. Joe Karbowski

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

Staff Updates

- New referrals continue from school guidance and other sources.
- Diversion work continuing.
- Support Group for grandparents continuing – Dr. Kahn.
- Presentations by Dr. Kahn to Mom to Mom and WMS PTO held in April.
- Dr. Dowd and Dr. Kahn continue to participate in community collaboration for programming next year – coordinated by Ms. Betsy Meindl.
- Friends of WYFS meditation skills workshop 2 sessions held in April.

Board Updates and Discussion

- All members and WYFS staff expressed gratitude for Mr. Forti's service to board as long standing member and as chair. All congratulated him on his retirement and look forward to staying in touch.
- Ms. Dretler nominated Mr. Karbowski for position of YAC chair, Ms. Purser seconded the nomination, Mr. Karbowski accepted and the board voted unanimously to appoint.
- Members of Committee will collaborate to recruit potential new member to be appointed by Board of Selectmen.
- Interest in communication between parents and children, online safety and 21st century communication challenges, and building community connections discussed as important themes.

Next meeting: June 7, 2013

Respectfully submitted,
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