

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee Meeting
June 15, 2012

Members Present: Ms. Deborah Seidman, Mr. Jim Forti, Ms. Jane Purser, Mr. Joe Karbowski,
Deacon Geoff Higgins, Det. Ruth Backman
Also Present: Ms. Corrie Dretler, Dr. Marlene Dodyk, Dr. Lynn Dowd

Minutes of 4/27/12 were reviewed and approved.

Deacon Geoff Higgins, was welcomed as the newly appointed representative of the Wayland Clergy Association to the YAC.

Staff Updates

- New referrals and ongoing clinical work continue at busy pace. This is expected to slow down once school is over for the summer.
- WPD has made several more Diversion Program referrals due to recent substance abuse and vandalism incidents.
- Human Resources job classification study of WYFS staff roles is underway.
- The committee that was looking into healthy relationships curricula and resources, currently in use and potentially available, has completed its work and made its report to the School Committee under the leadership of Marlene Dodyk.

Board Updates

- Corrie Dretler, parent of 3 school aged children, has expressed interest in the vacant School Committee appointment to the YAC.
- Wayland Cares Sustainability Committee is fully staffed and has had several meetings.

Other items:

- Lynn Dowd was appointed to represent the YAC on the Executive Committee of WaylandCares.
- Concerns were expressed regarding the use of social media by late elementary school aged children, due to the excessive social pressure on children not emotionally ready to participate. Potential parent education initiatives were discussed.
- Showings of Race to Nowhere continue to impact parents of younger students. Debbie Bearse has has multiple screenings for parents at Claypit.
- Tentative meeting dates were set for YAC meetings during the coming school year. Currently they are set for the first Friday of each month at 8:45 a.m., to be held in the second floor conference room in the Town Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Dowd, Psy.D.