

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee Meeting

May 20, 2011

Members Present: Detective Ruth Backman, Dr. Marlene Dodyk, Mr. Jim Forti,
Ms. Deborah Seidman

Also Present: Dr. Dossie Kahn, Mr. Ryan Our

Minutes of 04/29/11 meeting reviewed and approved as presented

Staff Updates

- Clinical referrals continue steadily
- Friends of WYFS screened *Race to Nowhere* 05/09/11 for the community followed by a screening for WMS & WHS Faculty and Staff 05/11/11; public screening was followed by 30" discussion facilitated by Dr. Kahn
- Friends of WYFS hosted a "World Café" progressive discussion on themes raised in the film on 05/17/11, facilitated by Ms. Jody Pongratz. Event was well attended by students, faculty, and parents; discussion was lively; letter from participant sent after event was shared with board
- Summer Community Service Program: interviewing in process for group leader from very strong pool of applicants

Board Updates

- Residence voting issue discussed, Town Counsel will be sought in order to consider article to amend residency requirement for all members appointed to board; further information will be presented as available.
- Recruiting for new board member; Dr. Dodyk will seek input from school committee on new appointment.
- Mr. Forti moved to appoint Dr. Dowd as YAC representative to Executive Board of WaylandCares; Ms. Seidman seconded motion, board voted unanimously to approve appointment of Dr. Dowd.
- Evaluation of WYFS Director: Ms. Seidman volunteered to contact chair Rabbi Litcofsky to work toward completing evaluation.
- Youth substance abuse prevention outreach programming to parents discussed; contact with Parents of rising 9th grade particularly important

Next Meeting date: 06/17/11 8:45am confirmed

Respectfully submitted,

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