

YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
Westborough Youth and Family Services Office
Room 21, Forbes Municipal Building
45 West Main Street, Westborough, MA
June 11, 2012
7:30 PM to 8:40 PM

PRESENT: Michelle Grasso, Patricia Ainsleigh, Cameron Mattheson, Andy Rosenshine, Oscar Najarian, Ritika Lahoty, Casey Collins
Guests: Jack Chuma, Matt Murch and Pranit Lahoty.

ABSENT: Judith Tully, Christine Anthony, Ali Strand

WYFS: John Badenhausen, Director
Cathy Cairns, Administrative Assistant

7:37 PM: MEETING OPENED

Michelle called the meeting to order but there was not a quorum to approve the May minutes.

7:40 PM: REPORT FROM YOUTH MEMBERS

Saturday was Project Grad night, a lock-down graduation event at Teamworks. The evening had a Hollywood theme and there was a great turnout. There have been several award ceremonies at the High School including the Boston Globe Art Awards. There was a mock town meeting to discuss alternative forms of energy and students saw the town meeting process.

The drug testing issue was never addressed by administration.

7:48 PM: INTERVIEWS OF CANDIDATES FOR YOUTH COMMISSION POSITIONS

Andy (who arrived approximately 7:45, establishing a quorum) summarized the function of the Youth Commission and WYFS for the guest students who had applied for youth member positions on the Youth Commission. The candidates were Jack Chuma (incoming junior), Matt Murch (incoming senior), and Pranit Lahoty (incoming junior) and each spoke of their interest in being a youth member of the Youth Commission and prior experience. The group discussed some issues including the amount of homework assigned, the pressure on students to be involved many extra-curricular activities, and the desire to have more night games at the High School.

Patricia made a motion to accept all three students as youth members of the Youth Commission. Andy seconded the motion and the students were unanimously voted in as youth members of the Youth Commission.

8:25 PM: HSN PRESENTATION

Our HSN coordinator, Lizzy Sricharoenchaikit, gave a presentation on the HSN program and spoke about the new events this year and how WYFS is working with the Town of Hopkinton to include their youth in some of the events in our HSN program.

8:40 PM: MEETING ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING – Monday, September 10, 2012 at 7:30 PM