

YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
 Westborough Youth and Family Services Office
 Room 21, Forbes Municipal Building
 45 West Main Street, Westborough, MA
February 10, 2014
7:40 PM to 8:43 PM

YOUTH COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Ainsleigh, Judith Tully, Lauren Schiffman, Jack Chuma, Pranit Lahoty, Corbin Whitaker

YOUTH COMMISSION VOLUNTEERS PRESENT:

Oscar Najarian and Robert Stout

WYFS: John Badenhause, Director

ABSENT: Christine Anthony, Andy Rosenshine, Meredith Wolpert, Gerard Sokol and Cathy Cairns, Admin. Asst.

7:40 PM: MEETING OPENED

Judith called the meeting to order. The January 2014 minutes were reviewed. Pranit made a motion to accept the minutes, Jack seconded, and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

7:41 PM: YOUTH REPORT

Guidance counselors spoke to juniors about the college process.

Seniors are hearing back from colleges.

The Rangers are having a competition for the Cure. (Each sports team picks a charity to support. The track team chose the Jimmy Fund.) At the end of the sports season, all of the money raised goes to the chosen charity of the team that raises the most money. The track team has been selling doughnuts. The track banquet is tomorrow night.

The ski team State meet is coming up.

AP test registration was last week with little notice. Every AP students gets registered automatically but it is the student's responsibility to get the money in on time.

Virtual High School allows students to take AP classes online.

Officer Dapolite has been teaching seniors about college safety.

Sexting: Middle-schoolers sent a freshman nude pictures of themselves and the freshman sold them. Sexting seems to be very common. "Why isn't the school talking about it?"

Students should have a better relationship with their guidance counselors.

There is a clinical person at the school that anyone can go to that needs help. But not a lot of high school students know about that.

8:08 PM: WESTBOROUGH READS TOGETHER

The goal is to create a shared reading community and provide a book that everyone can read and then start a conversation about.

This year's book is *Home of the Brave* by Katherine Applegate. The story is about an immigrant moving into a brand new culture.

It is appropriate for middle schoolers and older.

Everyone is asked to read the book and then engage in one of the discussion events (dates TBA.) Discussion groups will be held here or at the Library.

8:15 PM: STATE ETHICS TEST

Just a reminder to take the ethics test and forward a copy of the certificate to Cathy.

8:20 PM: NEW JOB DESCRIPTION

The group wants to put together a job description for a Youth Commission Board Member.

-- Interested candidates would be invited to attend a meeting to meet the current members and see what it's all about.

-- The YC board would put together a letter recommending them to the Board of Selectmen.

-- The YC's recommendation should carry some weight.

-- Youth member and adult member descriptions will be re-worded by John for the next month's meeting.

Possible strategies to find a new adult member when a vacancy opens up.

-the YC doesn't want anyone appointed in their absence (over the summer.)

-the YC may want to have possible candidates showing interest in the spring.

8:38 PM: OTHER BUSINESS

Fundraiser for the library at Sky Zone on Feb. 12 from 3:00-8:00 PM. 25% of the money goes to the library.

8:43 PM: MEETING ADJOURNED

Judith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pranita seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, March 10th 2014 at 7:30 PM