

Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board

February 4, 2010

Town Hall – 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109

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Members present at meeting: Colleen Budaj, Michael Hurley, Olivia Fortunato, MaryEllen Gregorio, Debra Hammer, Casey Lilley, Norberto Mendez, Barbara Rhue, Nancy Stilwell, Kathi St.Onge, Patricia Tiberio.

The meeting began at 7:10

Minutes of meeting from 01-07 were accepted. Barbara Rhue made the motion and Casey Lilley seconded, all voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

DSYS Update: Junior Review Board: (Nancy Stilwell)

- State Review Board- court services / DCF joint effort to create more JRB's to reduce the number of juveniles in the court system.
- Changes are being made for children 16-18 in the next few years.
- The LIST (Local Interagency Service Team) initiatives, to provide mental health providers- currently some of the services are fragmented and this is being addressed. "Release of information" issues are being added to intake packages in order to coordinate services for kids. Work is being done with local service teams to do an analysis of town issues to increase coordination with all agencies.
- Food Bank is well stocked in terms of dry food items, the supply of personal products and cleaning supplies is on the low end and could use both.
- DSYS maintains a list of places that accept and need community service volunteers. The list was passed around for members to check on status of the businesses and that they still need assistance.

YAB Updates:

Movie Night: Transformers, Friday 12th @ 7:00 pm. SDMS was contacted and a flier about the movie night will be placed in the school bulletin. Barbara Rhue volunteered to place a notice in the Rare Reminder to advertise this event. Chaperones are still needed. Barbara Rhue and Patty Tiberio volunteered to help.

Volunteer Recognition Night: Tasks for this program were reviewed: Surveys out to the schools (ELEM, SDMS and CC) for grades 5-8, Surveys will go out after vacation, two week turn around needed, surveys will be collected from the buildings (K. St.Onge volunteered to collect the surveys), post cards need to be printed (MaryEllen Gregorio volunteered to take care of this task.) Postcards will be labeled at the

April meeting, Door prizes and raffle prizes are needed. (hoping for 10-12 larger prizes) There are some caps and shirts left to be used for door prizes.

- Members suggested the following speakers for the Volunteer Recognition Night:
 - B.Rhue suggested Linda McMahon and Governor Jodi Rell.
 - Casey Lilley suggested Maryann Wasil Hilan
 - Deb Hammer suggested Phil Lohman
 - Member Rhue made a motion to check on the availability of Phil Lohman and Casey Lilley seconded the motion. Vote – all in favor of the motion.

One Book One School Update: Colleen Budaj will email all grade 6 teachers and principals about the gift of the Anything but Typical books, information will be included about the SDMS one book one school program with this same book in the spring prior to the author's return visit. The books will be delivered to all grade 6 teachers the week after vacation with the letter that was penned by Casey Lilley. Author visit dates will be sent to grade 6 teachers and principals as well as the power point presentations about autism and Nora Raleigh Baskin, author.

Community of Concern: KSAC grant of \$4,500 was awarded to DSYS. \$1,000 is being donated to Community of Concern for spring speaker. April 28th day and evening events are being planned for parents. Goal is to open the doors for communication between parents and teens about risks and problems associated with alcohol and drugs. The goal is to be proactive.

Other Business:

Casey Lilley will be resigning from the YAB to dedicate time to the newly created student position on the Wethersfield Board of Education. Casey was elected to this post by the students at WHS.

Ideas about future programs: Barbara Rhue suggested an open house at the Keane Memorial, as well as an idea for a Wethersfield has Talent Night for next fall.

Financial Report- update \$1648.00 It was noted by Nancy Stilwell that the balance

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00