

Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board

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

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Meeting held: October 1, 2009

NAME	EMAIL	MEMBER/ LIAISON	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED ABSENCE
Colleen Budaj SDMS	cbudaj@wethersfield.k12.ct.us	M	X		
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Holly Dyjak	hmdyjak@msn.com	M-Secretary	X		
VACANCY<18					
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The meeting began at 7:10

DSYS Update:

Nancy Stilwell explained that Crossroads would be starting Monday, October 5th and that adding a dance component to the program would be a consideration. She also explained to newer members how the Juvenile Review Board operates.

YAB Update:

On motion of Member Ruhe and seconded by Member Budaj, it was voted: To elect Olivia Fortunato as Chairwoman, Casey Lilley as Vice-Chairman, and Holly Dyjak as Secretary. Member Fortunato abstained from the vote.

Members then discussed past projects as well as ideas for new projects going forward. Community of Concern was brought up along with ideas for Stuff-a-Bus, Mobile Food Share, Half Price at Local Restaurants on Half-Days of School, and Movie Night at the Keene Center. Member Verderame spoke about the possibility of an outdoor movie event, and Member Lilley suggested a new book for One Book... One School, *Anything but Typical*, by Nora Raleigh Baskin about a child with autism. Finally, members spoke about the feasibility of having WHS students make a donation in exchange for the privilege of using an ipod during study hall. Funds would be used to sponsor high school or YAB functions.

On motion of Member Ruhe, and seconded by Member Muszynski, it was voted: To delegate to Members Fortunato and Lilley the task of looking into the possibility of implementing a donation program for juniors and seniors at WHS for the privilege of using an ipod during study hall. Member Verderame abstained from this vote.

Financial Report: Current balance = approximately \$2,377.30.

It was discussed whether or not this included a donation made to a past member whose mother passed away recently.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

On motion of Chairwoman Fortunato and Vice-Chairman Lilley, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.