

Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board

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

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Meeting held: November 5, 2009

NAME	EMAIL	MEMBER/ LIAISON	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED ABSENCE
Colleen Budaj SDMS	cbudaj@wethersfield.k12.ct.us	M	X		
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Joe Bruno <18		M	X		
VACANCY					
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Patti Tiberio

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The meeting began at 7:10

Acceptance of Minutes:

On motion of Member Ruhe and seconded by Member Budaj, it was unanimously voted: To accept the October 1, 2009 Minutes as printed.

New Member Introductions:

Joe Bruno, a Junior at Wethersfield High School was introduced as a new member. Soon to be member Patty Tiberio also attended the meeting.

DSYS Update:

Nancy Stilwell explained that Crossroads is gearing up for its second session. She explained to new members that Crossroads is an after school enrichment program including activities such as ceramics, boxing, babysitting classes, cooking, dance, field hockey, and more. Next, Dr. Stilwell stated that Youth Services is also working on broadening the focus of the Juvenile Review Board, which serves truant, out of control, or runaway youth. Currently they would like to look into offering a parenting course for parents of young children (K – 3rd grade) as a prevention effort. Finally, Nancy stated that the program is facing an onslaught on the social services side and the food bank is very active on both the donation and client need sides. Stuff-a-Bus was brought up again as a possible way to stock the food bank.

YAB Update:

Member Budaj spoke about the choice for One Book...One School, *Anything but Typical*, by Nora Raleigh Baskin, which is told through the eyes of a pre-teen boy who has autism. She explained that one book may be purchased per building for a total of \$81.54 or per teacher for a total of \$203.85. The soft cover edition is not out at this time. Chairwoman Fortunato brought up the idea of having each PTO contribute \$20.00 for a total of \$100.00, and Member Ruhe stated that maybe YAB could upfront the money and then try to recoup the funds through donations.

On motion of Member Ruhe and seconded by Member St. Onge, it was unanimously voted: To spend \$203.85 to obtain a copy of *Anything but Typical*, by Nora Raleigh, for each sixth grade teacher and to purchase bookplates stating that the books are presented by YAB in support of One Book...One School.

Next, members spoke about the possibility of a facebook page for YAB since this has become such a great networking tool.

On motion of Member Ruhe and seconded by Member St. Onge, it was unanimously voted: To establish a facebook page for the Wethersfield YAB called "Friends of YAB".

The ipod program was discussed next. Members spoke again about the feasibility of having WHS students make a donation in exchange for the privilege of using an ipod during study hall. The issue of funds was discussed further, and it was agreed that the proceeds should be split between the Junior and Senior Proms.

A representative from the Wethersfield High School Literary Magazine announced that they would be hosting a holiday fair on Saturday, December 19th and that YAB would be welcome to a booth. The possibility of a baked goods booth was discussed.

Finally, Movie Night and the possibility of a fashion show as a prom fundraiser were brought up by Chairwoman Fortunato.

There was no public comment.

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

This balance does include a donation made to a past member whose mother passed away recently.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

On motion of Member Ruhe and seconded by Member St. Onge, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.