

Needham Youth Commission

Board of Director Meeting Notes

September 10, 2008

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 7/15/08; September Department Report; MetroWest Youth Substance Abuse Project; "A Conversation...For Parents of Teens" Year End Evaluation Compilation; "Extreme Looks" Evaluation Compilation; Katy and Alex's "Fishing For Compliments" Feedback; "QPR" Flyer 2008/2009; "A Conversation...For Parents of Teens" Flyer 2008/2009; RAY of Hope Press Release; Materials Related to the Town Hall Renovation; "Safe Surf" publication; "Parent Coffee" Starter Packet; and newspaper articles/clippings (6).

➤ **Approved the Meeting Notes of 7/15/08**

➤ **Department Report**

- Distributed supplemental information packet.
- Facilitated a modified "A Conversation...for Parents of Teens" in August; very successful.
- QPR program planned for year; flyer included in packet.
- A Conversation program planned for year; flyer included in packet.
- Safe Surf Guides published and will be distributed to parents of 6th graders next week.
- Peer Tutor Program update: Training for new and returning students went very well; Peer Tutor Match Saturday slated for 9/27.
- Needham Unplugged update: No Homework/No Meeting Night will be March 12th.
- Babysitter Trainings Update: First program slated for October and it is sold out.
- Merri Rubin is stepping down as our Clinical Consultant; Leslie Sattler is expected to be hired for this position.
- We will be presenting at "Back to School" nights at Needham High School planned for October.
- A new edition of our Youth Source newsletter will be available in October as a hard copy; is online now.
- We presented at the training for new school employees on 8/27.
- Books and Bridges Update; information is online and first program is slated for November.
- August meetings with several school principals; very positive and supportive.
- Special Town Meeting is scheduled for October 27th.
- The Forde Award ceremony will take place on Monday, January 26th; this years committee members will be Doug and Connie.
- Make A Statement Day meetings are already happening at Needham High School; program scheduled for 3/6.
- We will be returning to Sweet Basil Restaurant for two Parenting Programs in early 2009.
- "Take Back the Night" is scheduled for 10/24; we will be playing an active, but not the lead, role this year.

➤ **Administrative Focus: FY 2009 Overview, FY 2010 Preview, and Issues Related to Youth Commission Offices in a New Town Hall**

We also briefly reviewed the FY 2009 expense budget, gave a preview of FY 2010, and devoted time to the issue of the proposed space for the Youth Commission in a renovated Town Hall. The Director will be sending a memo to Assistant Town Manager Christopher Coleman with staff and Board thoughts/concerns.

➤ **Program Focus: Parent Coffees**

Funded by the Needham Community Council, the Youth Commission will be continuing to bring this well-received program to the Needham Community. "Starter Packets" were shared and the outlook for this year was surveyed. Learn more online at www.needhamma.gov/youthcommission/coffee.

➤ **Old/New Business** (none)

➤ **Next Board Meeting:** October 15 2008 -- 5:30 Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall

Members Present:	Cathy Lunetta, Connie Barr, Sarah Cocuzzo, Ian Campbell, Ronnie Haas, Doug Levy, & Vin Springer
Members Absent:	Debbie Winnick
Staff Present:	Jon Mattleman, Katy Colthart, & Alex Hogan
Notes By:	Jon Mattleman