

Needham Youth Commission

Board of Director Meeting Notes

December 12, 2007

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 11/14/07; December Department Report; FY 2007 Major Accomplishments, A Conversation...For Parents of Teens Evaluation Compilation; QPR Evaluation Compilation; FY 2009 Drafts; RAY of Hope Press Release; A Conversation...For Parents of Teens materials; and newspaper articles/clippings (5).

➤ **Approved the Meeting Notes of 11/14/07**

➤ **Department Report**

- Distributed supplemental information packet.
- “Parents Please Talk With Your Mouth Full” will return to Sweet Basil Restaurant in February.
- Next Suicide Coalition meeting is scheduled for 1/17/08.
- Presented as part of a program at Needham High School on Social Hosting Laws on 12/10/07; well received.
- Working with the Eliot School and the Needham Housing Authority to bring parenting program to the housing authority’s site in March, 2008.
- Books and Bridges continues to have a good year; current program going well.
- Peer Tutor is going well; mid-year evaluations are due in January.
- New group for parents with children in K – 3rd grade to launch in March; additional details will be available in January.
- QPR Suicide Trainings in January: 1/24 for Town Employees and 1/25 for Internship Collaborative.
- Needham Unplugged approved by Board of Selectmen; will include an “e-mail-less day.”
- General update on DVAC.
- Make A Statement Day has been schedule for March14, 2008; work with students has begun.
- Patrick C. Forde Award; selection committee will finalize decision by the end of this week and event on 1/28.
- Babysitter Training Seminars; completed another sold olt program (evaluations will be available in January).
- Update on Metco Program; will begin to work with students after the holiday school vacation

➤ **Administrative Focus: Town hall Feasibility Study**

An update regarding the Town Hall Feasibility Study was provided. The focus was upon the Youth Commission offices, the process, issues, timetables, etc.

➤ **Program Focus: A Conversation...for Parents of Teens**

This program, funded by the Needham Women’s Club, has been extremely successful. Groups are limited to nine (9) parents and topics include teens and technology, stress, depression, drugs, alcohol, and limit setting. Program materials were distributed and participant responses were shared.

➤ **Old/New Business**

- Assistant Town manager Christopher Coleman will be a guest at the January meeting.
- Changes to February/Retreat Meeting; it is now scheduled for 2/06/07 at Cathy Lunetta’s House.
- Clinical Intern Kyle Megrath will be a guest at the March meeting.

➤ **Next Board Meeting – January 9, 2007 5:30 Selectmen’s Office – Town Hall**

Members Present:	Cathy Lunetta, Sarah Cocuzzo, Ronnie Haas, Doug Levy, Kevin Potterton, Vin Springer, and Debbie Winnick
Members Absent:	Connie Barr
Staff Present:	Jon Mattleman, Katy Colthart, and Alexandra Hogan