

Needham Youth Commission

Board of Director Meeting Notes

April 9, 2008

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 3/12/08; April Department Report; RAY of Hope Press Release; QPR Training Evaluation; PEEPS Evaluation Compilation A Conversation..For Parents of Teens Evaluation; Needham Unplugged Electronic Piece; Needham Coalition for Suicide Prevention Update; Make A Statement Day materials; and newspaper articles/clippings (9).

➤ **Approved the Meeting Notes of 3/12/08**

➤ **Department Report**

- Distributed supplemental information packet.
- Update on Books and Bridges; completed for the year and pre-planning for next year.
- New group for stay-at-home parents with children in K – 3rd grade completed; evaluations in the month ahead.
- QPR Suicide Trainings; completed sessions for Clergy Association and Community (evaluations next month).
- Annual Town Meeting begins on May 5th.
- A Conversation...For Parents of Teens program; completed final session on 4/1 (overall another excellent year).
- Department Managers Meeting on 5/1.
- The Suicide Coalition continues to meet monthly; please contact the office for details.
- Denise Garlick elected as new Selectmen; she replaces Jack Cogswell.
- Director will participate in New Selectmen Orientation later this week.
- Director is working to identify a new student representative to the Board to replace Kevin Potterton.
- Open House at Town Hall tonight until 7:00 for public to view building.
- Babysitter Training Seminars; final session completed for the year (overall a very successful year).
- Loss Seminars at Needham High School; almost completed and going very well.
- Peer Tutor Program update: things continue to go well.
- Final PEEPS and Picture Perfect for this academic year will start later this month at Pollard Middle School.
- Planning for Project VAN underway; dates have already been selected and information is posted on the website.
- Planning for Extreme Looks underway; dates have already been selected and information is available on the website.

➤ **Administrative Focus: FY 2009**

Review of the process, upcoming Town Meeting, and changes in FY 2009. Increase in Department Assistant hours will be shared with the Council on Aging and Veterans Departments, and discussions are already underway regarding how to best maximize this increase in support.

➤ **Program Focus: Make A Statement Day**

Staff talked about the program, distributed materials, and shared pictures from the 2008 MASD. Overall this was the most successful year, and the spirit/energy of both students and staff was exciting. In the coming weeks additional photos will be on our website at www.needhamma.gov/youthcommission/masd.

➤ **Old/New Business**

- Both Katy and Alex shared exciting personal news; please contact the office for details.

➤ **Next Board Meeting**

May 14 2008 5:30 Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall (a light dinner will be served).

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