

Needham Youth Commission

Board of Director Meeting Notes

May 14, 2008

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 4/9/08; May Department Report; Evaluation Compilation for AS Conversation...For Parents of Teens; Evaluation Compilation for Community QPR program; Evaluation Compilation for Darkness Visible Program, electronic and hard copy of spring Youth Source Newsletter; Teen Dating Violence Program Materials, Loss Program Materials RAY of Hope Press Release; and newspaper articles/clippings (4).

➤ **Approved the Meeting Notes of 4/9/08**

➤ **Department Report**

- Distributed supplemental information packet.
- QPR Suicide Trainings; final two sessions finished in early May. Overall a very successful year.
- Annual Town Meeting began on 5/5/08; slated to last 5/6 nights.
- Facilitated a program for residents at the Needham Housing Authority on 5/12 to help foster greater harmony.
- The Youth Commission is one of the collaborators for a fundraiser/awareness evening focusing on depression and suicide with the organization Families for Depression Awareness on 5/15.
- This is Clinical Intern Kyle Megrath's final week at the Youth Commission.
- Katy and Alex were not at the meeting; they were representing the Youth Commission as we were being presented an award from the organization "REACH" for work on the program Take Back the Night.
- Received funding to update and publish the Safe Surf Information Guides for youth and parents.
- June will be the final meeting for student representative to the Board Kevin Potterton.
- The Director will be sending packets of information to Board appointing authorities in late May/early June.
- The Suicide Coalition continues to meet monthly; please contact the office for details.
- The Director identified Ian Campbell as the new student representative to the Board starting in July.
- Peer Tutor Program update: party for tutors in early May was fun.
- Completed final PEEPS and Picture Perfect for this academic year facilitated at Pollard Middle School.
- Project VAN begins in early July and information is posted on the website; response has been very positive.
- Extreme Looks begins in late June and information is available on the website; response has been very positive.

➤ **Administrative Focus: FY 2009 Challenges**

Discussed the challenges that await in the coming fiscal year including Katy's Maternity Leave, issues related to the relocation of the Town Hall, the tightening of budgets, meeting new Needham Public School staff administrators, and a new configuration for the 2008/2009 Clinical Intern

➤ **Program Focus: Seminars at Needham High School: Teen Dating Violence and Loss**

Discussed each program at length as well as distributed materials. The Teen Dating Violence's survey indicated that 10% of 9th graders have been in an abusive relationship; further, 47% responded that they know someone who is in a relationship in which there is violence --- each of these statistics represent a 110% increase as compared to last year. The Loss program continues to be challenging for students and was very well received. Comprehensive evaluations for each will be available in the month ahead.

➤ **Old/New Business**

➤ **Next Board Meeting** June 11, 2008 5:30 Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall

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