

Needham Youth Commission

Board of Director Meeting Notes

December 10, 2008

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 10/15/08; December Department Report; A Conversation...For Parents of Teens Evaluation Compilation; QPR Training Evaluation Compilation; Babysitter Training Seminar Flyer; Annual Report (draft); RAY of Hope Press Release; Forde Award Invitation 2009; Materials Related to Peer Tutor; and newspaper articles/clippings (3).

➤ **Approved the Meeting Notes of 11/12/08**

➤ **Department Report**

- Distributed supplemental information packet.
- QPR program: next training will be held on 1/21/09
- QPR trainings for town employees --- one in February and one in March
- DVAC Update: Bringing "The Yellow Dress" to Needham on 1/15/09.
- A Conversation...For Parents of Teens; most recent session was 12/3/08.
- Books and Bridges: completed first program of the year on 12/3/08
- Babysitter Trainings Update: Katy will facilitate the next training slated for late January.
- We presented to the School Committee on 12/2/08.
- Returning to Sweet Basil Restaurant for two Parenting Programs; 2/2 for parents of high school youth and 3/9 for parents of middle school youth.
- The Needham Coalition for Suicide Prevention continues to meet; please contact the office for details.
- Healthy Needham 2011 continues to meeting; please contact the office for details.
- The Forde Award ceremony will be held on 1/26/09; this year's recipient is "Solar Sam".
- We are piloting bringing the Employment Program to Needham High School.
- Katy returned to work from her Maternity Leave on 12/8/08.
- We are talking with the Needham Community Council about a project regarding volunteerism in Needham.
- Our new clinical supervisor began working with the staff last month; so far, so good.
- We will be presenting to the Exchange Club in February, 2009.
- We are facilitating groups at both the Eliot and Hillside Elementary Schools.
- We are finishing up PEEPS at Pollard later this month.
- We have scheduled Safe Surf presentations at Pollard for January.
- We are presenting to parents at the Needham Housing Authority in January.
- Picture Perfect; completed first trimester at Pollard.
- Make A Statement day funding has been secured.
- We will be presenting to the FinCom on 1/21/09.
- We are on the search team to identify a new principal for Needham High School.

➤ **Administrative Focus: Guest Christopher Coleman, Assistant Town Manager**

Discussed a range of issues including the FY 2010 forecast, the Youth Commission spaces in a temporary and renovated Town Hall.

➤ **Program Focus: Peer Tutor Program**

Materials were distributed about this endeavor and members were brought up to date on the 2008/2009 program.

➤ **Old/New Business**

➤ **Next Board Meeting:** January 14, 2009 - 5:30 Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall

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