

Needham Youth Commission

Board of Director Meeting Notes

March 12, 2008

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 2/6/08; March Department Report; Babysitting Training Seminar Program Evaluation; Directory of past recipients of the Patrick C. Forde Good Person Memorial Award; RAY of Hope Press Release; QPR Training Evaluation; Parents Please Talk With Your Mouth Full Evaluation and materials; and newspaper articles/clippings (9).

➤ **Approved the Meeting Notes of 2/6/08**

➤ **Department Report**

- Distributed supplemental information packet.
- Update on Books and Bridges; facilitating session now with one more unit planned for this year.
- New group for stay-at-home parents with children in K – 3rd grade began; good start thus far.
- QPR Suicide Trainings; completed several sessions in past weeks with 5-7 more planned for this year.
- Needham Unplugged 2008; calendar is already on the website, article on the front page of the Boston Globe.
- “A Conversation” program; most recent group on 3/11, program concludes for the year on 4/1.
- Babysitter Training Seminars; last training scheduled for early March.
- Update on Safe Surf Workshops; completed at Pollard for 6th graders; still working on potential parent program.
- Addressed the Needham Women’s Club in late February.
- Review of the Special Town Meeting.
- Review of the recent Department Managers meeting on 3/6.
- Will participate in New Selectmen Orientation next month.
- Teen Dating Violence Seminars at Needham High School; going well.
- Loss Seminars at Needham High School; slated to being in late March.
- Peer Tutor Program Update: things continue to go well.
- FY 2009 Update: major change is increase in hours for Department Assistant position.
- Suicide Coalition continues to meet; please contact the office for details if interested.
- Make A Statement Day: day of making t-shirts held today and it was a major success (actual day will be 3/14).
- Planning for Project VAN underway; dates have already been selected and information is on the website.
- Update on STA Day (Students Take Action Day) at Pollard Middle School.

➤ **Administrative Focus: Meet Clinical Intern Kyle Megrath**

Kyle met with the Board and shared what his year has been like, activities, etc. Overall it has been a great year.

➤ **Program Focus: Meet Parents Please Talk With Your Mouth Full**

Staff shared about the program, distributed materials, and reviewed the participant evaluations. Discussion about how technology impacts youth and parenting.

➤ **Old/New Business**

- Reminder that the next meeting is scheduled for the Needham Public Library.

➤ **Next Board Meeting**

March 12, 2008 5:30 Community Room Needham Public Library

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