

Needham Youth Commission

Board of Director Meeting Notes

October 15, 2008

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 9/10/08; October Department Report; FY 2008 Statistical Summary of Services; Project VAN Evaluation Compilation; Project VAN pictures (also on the website); Youth Source (also on the website); Memo from the Town Manager regarding Town Hall Renovations; FY 2010 Request (draft); QPR workshop materials; and newspaper articles/clippings (3).

➤ **Approved the Meeting Notes of 9/10/08**

➤ **Department Report**

- Distributed supplemental information packet.
- Distributed Youth Source newsletter.
- We presented at “Back to School” nights at Needham High School.
- Katy/Lucas Update: mother and baby are doing great.
- Babysitter Trainings Update: registration for the November training has begun.
- A Conversation...For Parents of Teens; the first evening of the year is slated for 10/29.
- QPR program: the first training of the year is slated for 11/5.
- We will be returning to Sweet Basil Restaurant for two Parenting Programs in early 2009; dates will be announced in November.
- “Take Back the Night” is scheduled for 10/24.
- Books and Bridges: the first program of the year is slated for 10/29.
- We hope to be presenting to the School Committee in November (date to be announced).
- We expect to be presenting to the Exchange Club in early 2009 (date to be announced).
- Peer Tutor Program update: Peer Tutor Match Saturday held on 9/27 was very successful.
- Intern Elizabeth Barnes started at the Youth Commission last month.
- We are facilitating groups at both the Eliot and Hillside Elementary Schools.
- Safe Surf Internet Guides were distributed to parents of 6th graders a few weeks ago.
- Special Town Meeting is scheduled for October 27th.
- The Forde Award ceremony will be held on 1/26/09; this year’s committee members will be Doug and Connie.
- We are starting to get PR out to parents about the Parent Coffee Program.
- We are finishing up PEEPS at Pollard later this month.
- The Needham Coalition for Suicide Prevention has begun meeting; please contact the office for details.

➤ **Administrative Focus: FY 2010 Preview, and Issues Related to Youth Commission Offices in a New Town Hall**

Discussed Needham’s FY 2010, what is happening on the state level, and the potential impact of the upcoming Election Day and state ballot questions. Time was also devoted to the issue of the proposed space for the Youth Commission in a renovated Town Hall (which is very problematic).

➤ **Program Focus: QPR Training**

Distributed sample packets and talked about the goals of the program.

➤ **Old/New Business**

- Christopher Coleman was originally schedule to meet with the Board in November, but this has been rescheduled to the December meeting.
- We hope to have Trish Lincoln from the Youth Center at the November meeting to update members.

➤ **Next Board Meeting:** November 12 2008 -- 5:30 Selectmen’s Meeting Room, Town Hall

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