

NEEDHAM YOUTH CENTER BOARD
2007-2008/2008-2009 YEAR END REPORT

The Needham Youth Center Board is pleased to submit this final report on its operation results for 2007-2008/2008-2009 to its sponsoring agencies, donors, and other interested people. We invite your continued support and feedback in the coming year. Board members are available to answer any of your questions or concerns.

GOAL

The goal of the Needham youth Center is to provide a place and opportunity for the Middle School students of Needham to meet socially in a supervised environment that is safe, enjoyable, and tobacco, drug, and alcohol free.

STAFF

The Youth Center operated in both 2007-2008 and in 2008-2009 with a Staff Director, Peter Sylvester and eight to twenty staff supervisors depending on the anticipated size of the event. This was Peter's 9th and 10th years directing Youth Center events. Each year has been progressively more successful.

OPERATIONS

These were the fifth and sixth years that all youth Center events were held at the Pollard School. This facility contains two back-to-back gyms that enable us to hold a dance in one gym while sports activities are taking place in the adjacent gym. This provides multiple types of activities. We also used the cafeteria for a special event dance and ping pong on large event nights. Storage space at the Pollard School continues to be limited.

ATTENDANCE

The youth Center completed its 22nd and 23rd years of operation in 2007-2008 and 2008-2009. We hosted 19 events in 2007-2008 and 20 events in 2008-2009. There were 5040 attendees in 2007-2008 and 5220 in 2008-2009. Total attendance from opening day 23 years ago to May 2009 is 100,210.

ACTIVITIES

Dances continue to be our most popular activity. We also host a Battle of the Bands night, featuring live bands from Plugged In. In collaboration with the Pollard Student Council, we hosted an 8th grade graduation dance. This dance was free for the students as appreciation for their support during their years at Pollard. Food and beverages were also provided.

Planned non dance activities include sport nights, basketball, ping pong, and trivia games. We plan to purchase bean bag toss and table top foosball games for the Fall.

Most events are dual grade. However we did sponsor a few single grade events based on student support. Two events were all grade events, including the annual Carnival night which is our most popular event.

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets every other month during the school year to review operational details of the Youth Center. Anne Murphy, Patrice Benjamin, and Mark and Marcia Michelson resigned from the Board in May 2009. Ellen Gelep and Toni Carbone joined the Board in September 2008. Presently we have two open positions on the Board which we hope to have filled for the start of the 2009-2010 season.

FINANCIAL

We continue to be financially sound, following budget and expenses very closely. In 2007-2008, we received monetary donations from the Pollard PTC. In 2008-2009, we received no monetary or food donations for any event.

FUTURE

The Youth Center Board is working very closely with Chris Coleman at Town Hall too assure that we are in complete compliance with town policies. All of our staff and Board members undergo CORI process and will continue to do so. We have set up a constant Contact account to increase our communication with students and parents. We are presently developing a Youth Center link to be included on the Town of Needham website.

2008-2009 YOUTH CENTER BOARD/STAFF MEMBERS

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