

Needham Youth Commission

Board of Director Meeting Notes

September 11, 2007

Materials Distributed (both at meeting and prior to): Agenda; Minutes of 7/17/07; September Department Report; Board of Director Listing; QPR Evaluations; Extreme Looks Evaluations; Youth Center Year End Report; RAY of Hope Press Release; Handout for Training for new Needham Public School Staff Materials related to the 40th Anniversary; Sample new portal page; and newspaper articles/clippings (10).

➤ **Approved the Meeting Notes of 7/17/07**

➤ **Department Report**

- Presented at three (3) Back to Schools Nights at Needham High School for parents: well received.
- Distributed supplemental information packet.
- Presented to Needham Public Schools as part of their training for new staff in late August; well received.
- New website will launch in the near future; sample new portal page was distributed.
- Currently in discussion with the Council on Aging regarding sharing a limited amount of the Department Assistant's time; more information in the months ahead.
- Clinical Intern Kyle Megrath has arrived; all going very well at this point.
- Information regarding programs such as "A Conversion" And "QPR Suicide Trainings" will be available next month.
- Parenting program "Active Parenting" will not run this academic year; still investigating the possibility of running "Parents Please Talk With Your Mouth Full."
- Will be meeting and working on the Town Hall Feasibility Study; more information in the months ahead.
- Fist Suicide Coalition meeting is scheduled for 9/20/07
- Special Town Meeting is scheduled for 11/5/07.
- FY 2009 planning will commence with a meeting with Department Heads and the Finance Committee on 9/20/07.
- We are part of a committee investigating the idea of applying for the title of "Healthiest Town in America" in a few years (to coincide with the town's 300th anniversary); more information in the months ahead.
- Issue of the fact that only one Board member is currently a Town Meeting member was voiced as a concern; this will be discussed in the future.
- Update on Books and Bridges; schedule for the academic year is now available.
- Update on Metco collaboration; will begin in the next more.
- Update on Peer Tutor; much already accomplished and ready for Peer Tutor Match Saturday on 9/29/07.
- Update on "Take Back the Night" program; all set for 10/6/07.
- Presented a program to youth at the Needham Housing Authority; generally went well with future modification needed.
- Met with Needham Public Schools Drug and Alcohol specialist regarding future colorations; more info to come.

➤ **Program Focus: Needham Youth Center**

Trish Lincoln presented regarding the success of last years program and what is upcoming for the 2007/2008 academic year. Overall the program is in excellent shaping and is still being very well received by students.

➤ **Administrative Focus: Youth Commission's 40th Anniversary**

Discussed several activities related to acknowledging the 40th anniversary of the Youth Commission.

- Calendars were extremely well received by parents; over 900 will be passed about this fall.
- Sign at Memorial Field was posted.
- Flying disks will be distributed at the Harvest Fair.
- A Proclamation by the Board of Selectmen will be made on 9/11/07.
- Newspaper article will appear regarding the achievement.
- A DVD of the Youth Commission will be completed by the end of this month.

Overall the 40th anniversary was a project which more than met its goals!

➤ **Old/New Business** (none)

➤ **Next Board Meeting – October 10, 2007 5:30 Selectmen's Office – Town Hall**

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