

Needham Youth Services

Youth Commission Meeting Notes

2/10/2016

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 1/13/2016; February Department Report; Evaluation Compilation for “The Secret Life...” Presentation; Evaluation Compilation for “The Emotional Consequences of the Internet...” Presentation; Adoptive Parents Group Flyers (2); Babysitting Training Flyer; and RAY of Hope (Alexa Stevens); 50th Anniversary Icon and Wordle.

- **Accepted Minutes of 1/13/2016**

- **Forde Award Ceremony Highlights**

Shared about the recent Forde Award presentation and ceremony.

- **Community Focus**

Discussed the appointment of Aaron Sicotte as the new principal of the high school, the Mitchell School principal position, as well as the new employee engagement committees.

- **Youth Services’ 50th Anniversary Discussion**

Discussed various aspects and topics related to the 50th anniversary.

- **Program Update:**

- Update on the Youth Resource Network.
- Update on VIP Program.
- Update on Peer Tutor Program.
- Update on “A Conversation...”; next program in late February.
- Update on high school parenting conference held on 1/23.
- Update on program at Newman School focusing upon “kindness.”
- Update on Make A Statement Day 2016.
- Completed another Babysitter training starts on 1/28.
- Update on 2016/2017 Graduate School Clinical Internship Program.
- Update on Undergraduate School Summer 2016 Internship Program.
- Update on Clergy Association meeting.
- Update on Safe Surf program at the High Rock School.
- Update on the Teen Dating Violence Program at the high school.
- Update on a new program to replace the Loss Program at the high school.
- Update on a pilot program at the high school focusing upon depression and suicide.
- Facilitated a seminar from interns in Needham Public School on the topic of depression and suicide.
- Discussed the new Senior Award Ceremony (which is an expansion of the Peer Tutor Award Ceremony).
- Update on School Safety Committee.
- Alex Kosciak will begin her Maternity Leave in late February, and Ben Aronson will be hired on a temporary basis during her leave.
- Update on meeting with Finance Committee Liaisons as well as meeting with full committee.
- Special Town Meeting on 2/10.

- **Old/New Business**

- In March we will hold the annual staff and board retreat at the Center at the Heights.
- Update on gender neutral bathrooms at the high school.

- **Adjourn:**

Members Present:	Karen Folb, Julie Stevens, David Bookston, Kevin Keane, Susan Patkin, Sonia Raja, Jillian Smith, and Vin Springer
Staff Present:	Jon Mattleman, Katy Colthart, and Liz Loveless
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