

Monday January 24, 2011

Minutes for the Commission for Children and Youth Meeting
Commission Room, Town Hall

In Attendance: Lynn Phillips, Dawn Egan, Ellen Weyrauch, Jeff Drobner, Jennifer Skor, Tara Tanzer, Matthew Kalmans
Staff: Charlene Monn, Kristin Ferrara, Charlene Chiang-Hillman

Meeting was called to order at 5:25pm. Dawn made the motion to approve the minutes and Matthew seconded the motion.

Lynn explained that there will be no New Business on tonight's agenda.

Office Report: **Kristin Ferrara**

Kristin distributed Youth Services Budget Projection for 2011-12.

In the description, a clarification in finances for summer camps was explained. All summer camp expenses/tuitions were charged to the upcoming fiscal year, in this case, 2010-2011. This will continue in upcoming years, so that there will be a uniform system to ensure accuracy in the finances. This Summer programs were cost-effective in 2010. Contractual services numbers have increased due to the costs of credit card fees, etc, with online registration. The cuts that were made will not adversely affect the department.

Top Driver has been cost effective – (\$50 rebate per student taking course) – and quite successful.

Ellen suggested doing parent/student evaluations of our new Top Driver program.

Kristin will follow up with this. It was also suggested that Weston's Top Driver program gets publicized on Youth Services' Facebook page in addition to our website. Kristin will follow up.

Programming has been slow during the holiday weeks.

The WIS program (on Internet Safety/Decision Making) was snowed out -- will look to reschedule. (not to overlap with other school's PTO meetings) Kristin will also pursue possibility of taping these meetings, producing a transcript, or putting it on a website for those that can't attend.

Kristin is beginning to research ideas for Pre Prom Programs.

Will discuss more at next meeting. New WHS club formed called SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) – started by 2 senior high school students.

Jillian Kleban and Jenna Klaassen have expressed interest in becoming Student Commissioners. They will be invited to next month's meeting. Still looking for one more student, preferably a freshman or sophomore.

"Race To Nowhere" film was snowed out --- screening was sold out at Bethel Cinema.

Charlene H-C proposed that the Commission sponsor this film to screen locally – Kristin will pursue WHS auditorium option. Dawn stresses the need for a facilitator at the

screening. March 10th is a possibility. All agreed that this should be screened here in Weston.

Office Report: Charlene Monn

Afterschool programs began last week, but with snow delays only one day was able to be offered. Make up classes (extended classes to make up the lost time) will be arranged, when possible.

Karate is very popular this session – seven students on waitlist.

Lynn suggests adding Karate for 3rd graders at WIS next year due to the interest of the present 2nd graders in this program. This will be considered, but Charlene faces logistical issues at WIS due to space availability.

Interest in Magic class went down this session – only 6 kids enrolled vs. 24 last winter.

Creative Writing Program on Fridays --- very popular at Hurlbutt – waitlist for this session.

Dawn stated that PTO had to pull out of the Joe Califano author talk (kids and drugs) due to the need to sell 400 books. Will continue to look for others.

Lynn made the motion to end the meeting, Tara seconded the motion.

Meeting was called to an end at 6:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Weyrauch