

Commission for Children & Youth
Minutes from the May 17, 2010 special meeting

In attendance: Commission members: Nancy McCormick, Lynn Phillips, Ellen Weyrauch, Jeff Drobner, Matt Kalmans, Carl Filsinger, Sam Weyrauch.
Staff: Kristin Ferrara, Charlene Monn. Guests: Charlene Hillman, Jennifer Skor, Gayle Weinstein, Emily Weyrauch, and Dan Gilbert.

Nancy called the meeting to order at 5:18 pm. She welcomed Emily Weyrauch, a student interested in being a student commissioner.

The April minutes were approved on a motion by Lynn Phillips, seconded by Sam Weyrauch as amended.

Nancy then introduced First Selectman Gayle Weinstein who is at the meeting to discuss the School Social Worker position funding. Gayle indicated that Dan Gilbert was attending the meeting as a private citizen and not a representative of the Selectmen. She then discussed the Youth Services Fund, how it came about, where the money came from and her proposal to use some of that money to fund part of the position for a school social worker. After discussion and questions, with no vote necessary Gayle thanked the commission for allowing her to come speak and then she and Dan left the meeting.

Charlene Monn spoke about after school programs. As is always true in the spring, enrollment is down. Summer registration is slow also. She talked about sending notes to staff for recruitment of new programs among teachers. A discussion was had on middle school programming. The Sitter Safety numbers are also down. Communication continues to be a problem – PTO Blasts, while good are not always read by recipients.

Kristin presented her report. The Pre Prom is upcoming on Wednesday morning. She talked about the PTO survey program. Jeff indicated he liked the program. Kristin talked a little bit about the health curriculum as it addresses substance abuse. Charlene Chiang Hillman said that the Postivie Directions framework will be usefull in doing more surveys.

There was a good size turnout for the Youth Coalition Meeting. They will meet again in August or September. Parents feel there should be more programming on some of these issues in younger grades.

Under Commission Business Nancy talked about the June planning meeting. Some of the issues to take up include registration procedures and communication of programming.

With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm on a motion by Matt Kalmans, seconded by Sam Weyrauch.