

Youth Services Commission for Children and Youth
June 20, 2011 meeting

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Lynn Phillips, Kristin Ferrara, Dawn Egan, Tara Tanzer, Jeff Drobner, Ellen Weyrauch, John Troxell, Dan Doak, Doreen O'Leary, Charlene Chiang-Hillman, Charlene Monn, Matt Kalmans

Guest: Gayle Weinstein

Call to order - 5:25pm

Lynn welcomed and introduced John Troxell, Weston Police Chief, who will be sitting on the Commission, as an ex officio member.

Approval of May 16th minutes- Lynn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 5/16-Dawn seconded. All approved

Approval of May 23rd minutes- Dawn made a motion to approve the minutes of special 5/23 meeting, and Ellen Weyrauch seconded. All approved

Charlene Monn gave office report. Spring session ended on June 10th. Gave summer camp updates. Adventure with Models will run even though enrollment is low. And Engineering with Legos has low enrollment may need to be canceled.

Waivers requested have increase this year and so far have totaled \$6,000 for the summer session.

Total waivers for fiscal year 2010-2011 total \$7,900

Online information about Fall WOW! Programs should be up by August. Registration is scheduled to begin Tuesday, September 6th with programs beginning the week of September 19th. A flyer will go home in the backpack on Sept 1st.

Jen Skor offered to help with website if need be to help with budget

Kristin gave update on Allan Houston. 80 people total including children and Kiwanis members were in attendance.

Kristin was a chaperone at the prom at the Greenwich Hyatt.

Senior banquet was well attended and well received. They were given their time capsule from 2000. Look into getting Time Capsule done again through schools???

Top driver - 2 summer programs. We need to look into returning the \$50 completion money either to parents or as a scholarship. Kristin will revisit with Gayle and town attorney over the summer and get back to us in September.

Mission Statement – What we feel we are meeting – WOW! is great for k-5 and in high school. We seem to be missing it in the middle school. We are not fulfilling the birth to K.

We would like to change the wording of the Mission Statement, the changes are reflected in bold below.

The Commission for Children and Youth will oversee the creation, coordination, and promotion of

programs, that encourage positive youth development and enrich family life in Weston. Through the office of a full-time Director, the Commission will strengthen existing activities for youth **and families from Birth to age 18**, and assist in the creation of an expanded range of services—information, referral, needs assessment, support and enrichment programs for youth and families.

Acting as an advisor to the Selectmen, the Commission's goal is to establish and maintain a systemic and coordinated child/youth advocacy function of benefit to the entire community.

Dawn suggested a possible program that would help our high school age students develop interviewing skills.

Doreen would like to know what town has the "Best Practices" in children and youth commissions.

The Commission will look to provide programming for the following age groups - 0-3 years, 3 years-K, K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12. Kristin will look into programming for each group. She will return ideas for each group for by August 1st via email for group discussion to continue over the summer.

Lynn suggested a theme for the year. Dan suggest we look at the 40 Development Assets from the Search Institute and we will examine the possibility of implementing programs based off of these principles, in areas that there may be a deficit.

Deliverables from Kristin –

To be sent between mid July and at latest August 1st via email with continued conversation for the commission.

- Programming for the age groups – Birth - 3 years, 3 years - K, K - 2nd, 3rd – 5th, 6th – 8th, 9th -12th.

- Present ideas for each age group and why they should be our programming and the cost or potential cost for each program.

For our September Meeting from Kristin -

- Top driver - figure out rebate

The Commission discussed meeting dates for the rest of the year. Traditionally, the Commission does not meet in July and August. The Commission set the following meeting dates for the rest of the calendar year.

Monday September 19th
October 17th
November 21st
December 19th as needed

The calendar for Jan –June meetings will be set in September.

Lynn thanked Matt for his time serving on the Commission and wished him well good luck in college on behalf of the Commission.

Meeting adjourned 7:08pm