

## Commission for Children & Youth Minutes from the January 23, 2012 meeting

In attendance: Lynn Phillips, Doreen O'Leary, Ellen Weyrauch, Dawn Egan, Jeff Drobner, Dan Doak, Staff: Charlene Monn, Kristin Ferrara; Student Commissioners: Emily Weyrauch, Jillian Kleban

The meeting was called to order at 5:20.

The minutes of November 21st were presented. Dawn made the motion to accept them, Lynn seconded, all in favor. Minutes passed.

Charlene presented the office report as follows:

- WOW programs began last Tuesday. At Hurlbutt there are 21 programs (6 were canceled due to low attendance) and there are 9 programs at WIS .
- Summer camp programs are in the early planning stages. Last day of school is currently June 21<sup>st</sup> for students and June 25<sup>th</sup> for staff. Discussion followed about which day to begin; final decision was tabled until we have a more clear idea of snow days. Also planning to expand our summer camp presence to Middle School students.
- There are a number of High School students helping in our current programs, specifically for students with special needs. There was discussion on how to expand this concept and Charlene is thinking about opportunities.

Kristen presented the youth report:

- Kristin presented her budget to the town and felt all went well.
- Parent programs were successful and Kristin is working on further commitments with Dr. Greenberg
- Wellness Week at the High School went well - the kids particularly loved the goggles. Attendance at yoga program has been low. Ongoing viability was discussed.
- Kristin will keep us informed on new Family University program being run by the school, and she will ask Lois Pernice to possibly join us for our next meeting.
- Kristin to work with Dan Doak and Lisa Wolak on possibly bringing in Dr. Sameer Hindula on Cyberbullying. Dan is going to really look at this website to see if there is symmetry to our school and community.

- Positive Directions is planning another survey for Spring of 2012. Our committee felt these surveys did not have very much merit if no changes or programs are instituted.
- Discussion followed on a possible once a month article for the Weston Forum on all Youth Service Happenings, things parents should be aware of and topics. Jeff suggested we don't use the tagline "Ask Kristin" as it may not attract readers. Dawn and Lynn to follow-up with Kim Donnelly.
- Kristin presented some survey question suggestions on fall parenting programs and the commission tweaked some questions but felt that the answers may be helpful.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:09

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Egan