

Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board Meeting January 4, 2007

Name	Present	Absent	Excused Absence
Maria Calleri			X
Michael Carragher	X		
Steve Cook/Jim Collin			X
Sharon DiGioia-Daskal	X		
Debra Hammer	X		
Melissa Hoon	X		
Ryan M. Jordan	X		
Nan Lamm			X
Jeff Kotkin	X		
Natalie Kotkin	X		
Susan Miller	X		
Barbara J. Ruhe	X		
Nancy Stilwell	X		
Alison Sullivan	X		
Kaitlin Taylor	X		
Heather Zottola	X		

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

The [minutes from the December meeting](#) were reviewed and accepted.

DSYS Update

- Eighty-seven families (including 215 children) were serviced in the holiday program.
- DSYS will begin working on the budget. It is going to be tight. Nancy Stilwell met with Bonnie Therrian and Dr. Proctor to discuss that there is no overlap in services provided by DSYS and the school system.
- Town managers, police chiefs and social service departments from Newington, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield will be meeting to talk about vandalism at some school sponsored events. Nancy Stilwell is looking at ideas of subcommittees to create criteria to work at schools to provide intervention for at-risk students. There was a discussion around changing school culture, which can be rather negative.

YAB Update

New Middle School based initiative plan: Heather Zottola called the Newington Skating Rink and didn't get an answer. The student body government can meet with YAB representatives on January 22 at 2:30 to discuss their ideas about activities they would like to do. At this time there will be discussion of a "March Madness" basketball activity.

Vintage Prom: Kaitlin Taylor wrote an article for the *Wethersfield Phoenix* and made sign for the prom. Debra

Hammer got information from Channel 14. We missed the deadline for the January issue of *Wethersfield Life*.

Future Projects

Volunteer Recognition Night: We need to plan Volunteer Recognition Night. We are thinking of combining it with Senior Volunteer Recognition.

Other Business

Barbara Ruhe talked about a program at Wethersfield High School that the parents run regarding alcohol, tobacco and other drug use. Barbara attended a meeting about it. She is planning to attend the next meeting on January 16. Perhaps we could co-sponsor events with them.

Financial Report

The Youth Advisory Board has about \$1,200.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.