

## Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board Meeting December 7, 2006

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 November meeting](#) were reviewed and accepted.

### **DSYS Update**

There was a huge effort for the Thanksgiving drive; more than 120 turkeys and meals were prepared.

The Department is preparing for a donor program, which allows people to anonymously supply gifts for families in need.

The Department anticipates getting hit this budget season (ROPE is very expensive), and is brainstorming on how to cut expenses and raise revenue.

### **YAB Update**

- a. New Middle School based initiative plan: Kim, a seventh grader at SDMS, presented the results of the Student Council activities survey. The most popular suggestions were attending a baseball or basketball game, having a car wash and a skating night.

It was suggested that the middle school have its own March Madness, though there may be a conflict with the

Keane Foundation. The Student Council could brainstorm ideas for the night (maybe charge admission and have refreshments).

The Youth Advisory Board also discussed the possibility of a skating party, which could make money for other activities by charging a few dollars' admission. The skating party could be held some time during the winter, and may be paired with a craft auction and/or a bake sale.

The Student Council would enjoy having a WYAB member come to one of its meetings.

- b. Youth in Government: Natalie Kotkin met with Dr. Proctor on 11/6/06, and he agreed to present the idea of student membership to the Board of Education. There have been few developments since then, though he assured her that the Board's Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are considering the next steps for youth membership.

### **Underage Drinking Task Force Subcommittee**

SDMS hosted "Be the Change" on 11/29/06, a \$495 program for which the Youth Advisory Board paid. The Board lost the \$3500 from the grant because the required forms were not submitted. Because there is no residual money from the grant, the Underage Drinking subcommittee was dissolved.

### **Future Projects**

- a. Glass Slipper Project (renamed Vintage Prom: Dress the Best for Less): Ryan Jordan spoke with JoAnn McPhee, a secretary at the high school, who suggested that the lecture hall is the best place for the Glass Slipper Project. The hall is locked, so the dresses may be left there overnight.

The Youth Advisory Board will try to reserve Tuesday through Thursday, February 13-15 from about 2 to 5 p.m. each day.

In terms of publicity, the Youth Advisory Board plans to advertise via Wethersfield Live, Wethersfield.net, Wethersfield Life, and Phoenix (Wethersfield High School's student newspaper) that the dress collection will probably take place in the second and third weeks of February.

The Youth Advisory Board formed a subcommittee consisting of Kaitlin Taylor, Susan Miller and Heather Zottola to specifically deal with the project.

Vintage Prom will be open to all towns.

### **Financial Report**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.**