

Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board Meeting April 1, 2004

Members in Attendance: Steve Cook, Paul Clemens, Jamey Curtin, Matt Daskal, Debra Hammer, Laura Kirsche, Julie Montinieri, John Mullin, Barbara Ruhe, Nancy Stilwell

Guests in Attendance: Bob Young, George Ruhe, Edward Kardas

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Debra Hammer.

Administrative:

Introductions.

[Minutes of the February meeting](#) were accepted. There were no March meeting minutes because there was no quorum that evening.

David Welch and Kirsten Zeller will be new manager-appointed members from the schools.

Youth Services Update - Nancy Stilwell:

DSYS received a grant from CREC to fund a summer workforce program. The program may involve student workers in the development of the skate park.

The proposed budget for 2004-05 has been cut drastically. DSYS will lose a van, there will be no money for extra counseling, the ROPE budget will drop from \$16,000 to \$2,000. All departments are suffering with budget cuts.

YAB Update - Debra Hammer:

Volunteer Recognition Night, Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. There has been an amazing increase in responses - 360 kids. All preparations are going well and on schedule. Press release appeared in the Hartford Courant, Life and Post.

Future Projects:

The first two wills are lined up for "*Yes, I Will*" program. Letters went out to attorneys for more participation.

The Wal-Mart grant application has been submitted.

Ideas for *Youth in Government* project: educating elementary schools about voting, government; motivating students to get involved in government; mock election. Make sure efforts are non-partisan. D. Hammer and M. Daskal to meet with Mayor Morin to discuss further.

Finance Report:

We will spend approx. \$400 on VRN. Balance will be approx. \$1,400.

WHS Update - Paul Clemens:

Tom Regan is the new School Resource Officer, and he has been a great addition to the school community.

Staff is working on an alternative program for potential "drop-outs." Targeted population is not special educ., but at-risk kids who are not motivated for traditional schooling. The involved staff will be looking for outside counselors/community members to assist.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.