

CLINTON YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICE BUREAU
ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

In Attendance: L. Ruggiero, C. Church, B. Pellegrini, J. Quinn, B. Small, M. Jakober,
L. Pinder, Student Rep Brittany Carroll

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

- I. Welcome and Announcements: No announcements.
- II. Minutes of July 2008 Meeting: Motion to accept by J. Quinn, 2nd by B. Pellegrini, abstention by L. Pinder, minutes approved.
- III. Bills: No discussion, motion to approve by B. Pellegrini, 2nd by C. Church, approved unanimously.
- IV. Correspondence: Letter of resignation of C. Horan read by L. Ruggiero.
- V. Director's Report: A. B. Small stated summer programs well received. Feedback evaluations were solicited from participating youth. Included in survey were possible programs youth would like to have offered for next year. B. Small stated options reflect the type of programs that could be offered without outsourcing. B. Small stated some of the classes were not filled, and discussion was held with regard to why this may be. C. Church stated that some parents may be reluctant to sign up their children for sessions due to the fact that they may away for one or more of the classes due to scheduled vacations. Allowing parents to sign up for particular weeks to accommodate vacations/pro-rating costs based on classes attended, and offering programs for a block of time for a week or so instead of one day/ week over a period of weeks are things that will be looked into. L. Ruggiero stated Park and Rec. needs to be in the loop as summer camp is offered through the Park and Rec. department. B. Andrea Kaye met with school re: job shadow program. Clinton now has 3 new EMTs due to involvement in the program. C. Juvenile Diversion Board: 2 referrals made during this reporting period.
- VI. Staff Reports: No action taken.
- VII. Student Report: B. Carroll stated some Morgan students experienced scheduling problems at start of the school year, some students were frustrated, according to Carroll, as some did not have the classes they needed. L. Ruggiero inquired about Morgan schedules, which works with a rotating schedule. B. Carroll and J. Quinn explained how the schedule works, which includes a double period in the schedule. With regard to sports, Carroll stated boys/girls soccer and volleyball are experiencing success. Interact Club will sponsor a fundraiser for the people of Haiti. \$2500 was raised last year during this fundraiser. Peer advocates to hold "Red Ribbon Week" in October. B. Carroll stated she will attend the First Selectman's Task Force meeting on 9/17. B. Carroll also commented that this year's STEP program was a more active one. A small pep rally is scheduled for 9/19.
- VIII. Youth Officer Report: B. Pellegrini reported a grant was received for cameras at Morgan. Some of the old doors may also be replaced. B. Pellegrini stated

police will be conducting compliance checks at Clinton establishments. Also discussed was an Internet Safety class, which will be offered on November 18 at the Police Station. B. Pellegrini and B. Small discussed a computer disk that is available for purchase. The disk, titled "Computer Cop," allows parents to insert the disk into a computer, allowing the parent to view all images/texting downloaded by their child. B. Pellegrini stated the disks could be given to parents who attend the Internet Safety session. Cost of 500 is \$3k, B. Small stated 500 would not be needed. Pinder suggested the possibility of working with another town/agency so the desired number could be obtained. B. Pellegrini and Karen Kleinerman attended an underage drinking symposium. Pellegrini discussed marketing of Alco-pops, which are drinks containing distilled alcohol and mixed with flavors. They can appear to look like a non-alcoholic drink, and youth are able to obtain/consume in the open with parents not being aware. Pellegrini stated youth can swap out alcoholic beverages into non-alcoholic beverage sleeves to purchase. B. Pellegrini also stated YFSB is providing funds for items for Halloween Safety information for 3rd graders.

IX. Old Business:

A. Action Committee: Another monthly meeting was held, and "Our Town, One Read" program is scheduled for kick-off this month. B. Small stated turnout for these meetings is good. Another group within the committee is currently doing research on particulars of skate parks in an attempt to determine ways to improve Clinton's skate park with regard to issues/problems associated with it.

B. High School of the Future Task Force: L. Pinder solicited feedback from student rep Carroll with regard to courtyard work, painting that was done at the school. Pinder stated work done was in response to some of the feedback that was received from students, and was a good way to show good faith that the students' feedback is important and well received.

C. Building Discussions: B. Small stated building still in need of power washing, also the building smells of urine when it rains. No action taken.

D. Action Items

- i. Bullying: No discussion as this is an action item of the Action Committee
- ii. Building Expansion: on hold
- iii. Fee for Service: on hold
- iv. Internet Safety: discussed in Youth Officer Report.

X. New Business

A. Sexual Abuse Training Program November 6: B. Small gave brief overview of class "Darkness into Light." Small stated approximately 97% of abusers are known by the family of individual abused.

B. Community Services

1. Diamonds in the Shadows Sept. 25: B. Small provided info on activities planned for "Our Town, One Read."
2. Adventure Activities: B. Small stated Action Committee group is looking into being able to use Zip Wire at Joel as park of adventure type activities.

3. Best Beginnings: L. Ruggiero thanked M. Jakober for her offer to help man the YFSB area at the Best Beginnings Fair.
4. Charter Revision:
Brief discussion with regard to feedback for the revision of the Town Charter. L. Pinder stated she is a member of the revision commission, and it was discussed that as an advisory board is helpful to Youth and Family, it is logical that it would be helpful to other service boards such as Social Services. All members present were in agreement, and it was determined that L. Ruggiero would provide this feedback to the Charter Revision Commission in writing.

Motion to adjourn made by L. Pinder, 2nd by J.Quinn, motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cheryl Church.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008 at 7 P.M. AT CYFSB.