

CLINTON YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE: L. RUGGIERO, J. QUINN, L. PINDER, M. JAKOBER, C. CHURCH, B. SMALL, STUDENT REPS
B. CARROLL, S. BOUDREAU; ABSENT: B. PELLEGRINI

- I. Welcome and Announcements: New Student Rep Sara Boudreau introduced to the board. Sara is a sophomore at Morgan High School, is on Student Council and plays soccer. Board members introduced themselves to her and welcomed her to the Board.
- II. Minutes of September 2008 Meeting: Motion to approve made by L. Pinder, 2ND by M. Jakober, approved unanimously.
- III. Bills: Motion to approve by C. Church, 2nd by J. Quinn, approved unanimously.
- IV. Correspondence: L. Ruggiero reviewed letter sent to all boards and commissions by Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance regarding budgets for 2009-10 expressing request that all departments step up to the plate with regard to fiscal responsibility in today's times of economic crisis.
- V. Director's Report:
 - a. Mother/Daughter Night Out: Currently filled with 12 pairs and waiting list. First session of year to be held Dec. 3 at Malone's.
 - b. Job Shadowing Program: There have been scheduling issues with regard to meeting with the students due to advisory period. Andrea Kaye is working on the issue and will be negotiating best times to meet.
 - c. B. Small mentioned article in local paper about Clinton's 3 new EMTs. B. Small stated she was pleased that the Job Shadowing program played a part in these students deciding to pursue becoming EMTs.
 - d. A Parent's Promise: 40 new parents have signed up for A Parent's Promise. L. Ruggiero inquired as to current number of parents signed up, as some parents drop off the list due to children graduating from high school. Number of participants not available for discussion.
 - e. Summer Programs: B. Small met with Tri Town Services to learn more about how their summer programs work. Their program is designed for middle school aged children, and consists of an 8-4 p.m. program available for 3 weeks. Approximate cost is \$200-\$250. Clinton's Bureau has summer programs already established for this age group- which is determined to be age at which children are most at risk for risky behaviors- in addition to our well loved programs for grades 1-3. To accommodate family vacations, this summer's programs will consist of 2 sessions of 3 week programs. Children can be signed up for one of the two sessions or both.
 - f. B. Small announced Morgan student Hollie Diaz as a recipient of MCSAACs Youth Leader of the Year award. Clinton's Summer Partners also received an award.

- g. Our Town-One Read: B. Small attended author event/book signing for this event. Final event of this program will be a celebration of African music and dance, to be held at Morgan.
- h. B. Small expressed her concern about counseling services availability in the school system. L. Ruggiero inquired if this is something that can be or is being addressed with the High School of the Future Task Force. L. Pinder, a member of that task force, stated the work that is being done is more in line with curriculum and physical aspects of the schools. L. Pinder stated that feedback is welcome with regard to the Task Force, and a public meeting will be held for informational/feedback purposes.
- i. On October 27th and 28th, the Search Institutes Attitudes and Behaviors Surveys will be taken. The result of this drives programs for our youth.

VI. Staff Reports: No action taken

VII. Student Report: B. Carroll reported Haiti fund held its kickoff and so far has raised over \$500. Athletics going well. Red Ribbon Week at Morgan- posters put up and wristbands will be distributed. Dance at Morgan was evacuated due to a gas leak, students were later able to re-enter the dance. Community groups such as Clinton Land Trust have attended advisory meetings at high school; B. Carroll said it was very useful as many students do not know what opportunities for volunteering are available to them.

VIII. Youth Officer Report: No report available.

IX. Old Business:

- a. Charter Revision: L. Pinder researched which actions were best taken with a Charter Revision or by Town Ordinance. No action taken.
- b. Action Committee: Previously discussed in Director's Report.
- c. High School of the Future: Previously discussed in Director's Report.
- d. Building Conditions: No new updates or progress, septic not pumped. B. Small stated it appears septic has not been pumped for 10 years.
- e. Action Items:
 - i. Bullying: No action taken.
 - ii. Building Expansion: No action taken.
 - iii. Fee for Service: Tabled.
 - iv. Internet Safety Class: L. Ruggiero stated flyers needed to be redone as there is no RSVP information on them. The class is scheduled for the same date/time as next advisory board meeting, and as individual board members expressed interest in attending, a special meeting will be held from 6:30-7 p.m. on the November 18 date at the Police Department Community Room.

X. New Business: None

Meeting adjourned 8:47 p.m.