

## BARNSTABLE YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, February 6, 2014

Present: Elizabeth Ells, Colleen Morin, Samuel Spillane, Sally-Ann Imes, and Patti Machado.

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm.

1. Roll Call was taken.

Sam Spillane motioned, Colleen Morin seconded, to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2014 meeting, all in favor.

Colleen Morin motioned, Sam Spillane seconded, to accept the minutes of the January 23, 2014 meeting, all in favor.

2. In her staff report, Sally mentioned that the presentation the BYC will be giving at the February 11<sup>th</sup> Community Network Steering Committee meeting will be an opportunity for students to voice their opinion. Two Barnstable police officers will be attending the meeting.
3. The next meeting of the YES program will be held on March 28<sup>th</sup> in the United Cultures Room at the HYCC at 5:30 pm. The topic of discussion will be the Positives and Negatives of Teen Dating, Family Planning, and Abstinence and how everyone can work together.
4. Follow up on the last YES program about drug awareness:
  - Sally spoke with Officer Morrison, BPD.
  - The pros/cons were discussed of checking/banning backpacks at sporting events.
  - Sally mentioned that at another meeting it was mentioned that 6<sup>th</sup> graders are having their first drink as early as 13.9 years old.
  - Patti mentioned that the BYC voice was heard. At the most recent School Committee budget meeting, they were adamant about not eliminating the health class from the high school curriculum.
  - Sally also brought up the topic of marijuana use and how students are taught not to smoke, however, marijuana is now legalized.
5. The bands for Family Fun Night were confirmed (Moving Picture House, Non-Compliant and possibly 2 others). Discussion took place on whether the bands would use their own equipment. All bands should arrive at the HYCC around 3:00 pm to set up and go over how long they will play.
6. Youth Homeless Survey:
  - 328 surveys were done (another 40 have not yet been turned in).
  - Agencies in Falmouth found a lot off of the bike path.
  - Patti noticed an awesome change in those giving and taking the survey. Those giving the survey became more confident, while those taking it were happy to be asked and have their voice counted.
  - One teacher found the survey offensive (questions were too personal).

Sam motioned to adjourn, Colleen seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Slezak, Recreation Division.