

Waterford Youth Services Bureau
Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 19, 2011
Youth Services Conference Room

Call to Order:

Chairperson Maureen Murphy called the meeting to order at 5:33pm and a quorum established.

Attendees:

Justin Barczak, Erin Eccleston (YSB Program Coordinator), Dani Gorman (YSB Director), Brianna Grills, Ryan McNamara, Maureen Murphy (Chairperson), Jody Nazarchyk, Kathleen Peterson, Christine Poscich (YSB Grant Project Coordinator), Jennifer Radack, Gene Ryan, Lisa Sachatello, Nicole VanOverloop

Absent:

Mark Gelinias, John Guarino

Public Input: None

Motion #1

J. Nazarchyk made the motion to approve the minutes from December 15, 2010.
R. McNamara seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence:

None

Program Report:

E. Eccleston reported that programs have started back up again. The WHY group continues to meet every Monday, and the toddler play groups have started on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with Lisa Carney being the facilitator. The American Red Cross Babysitting training class took place on January 14th and the class was full. She reported that there was a bus trip on January 15th to see the show Billy Elliot in New York. The Youth Center will be open again on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting on February 1th and the Home Alone program will begin on March 2. She discussed the Dancing with the Stars event that will be taking place on March 25th at 7:00 pm in the Waterford High School Field House. Twelve amateur couples from the town will be dancing.

Student Report:

J. Barczak reported that the drama club is putting on the production "Our Town" from January 27 to January 29 at 7:00 pm. The audience will be sitting on the stage so there is a limited number of seats.

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B. Grills reported that midterm exams have been rescheduled to January 19, and will end on January 24 due to the snow. Winter Ball is on February 5. She discussed a coat drive that is being put on by the National Honor Society, and the coats will be donated to the Salvation Army. She also discussed the Waterford, New London art gallery at the Hygienic that ends on January 22.

Director's Report:

D. Gorman reported that the final numbers for the Holiday Baskets program were 97 families, and 388 children. All of the families were adopted. There was one more distribution day than normal. She discussed that there are concerns with the heat in the Youth Center. Discussion followed. She reported that the skateboard park will be closed due to the weather and will re-open once all the snow is gone. She discussed that the clinical program is very busy. Heidi Gruss-Ververis was recently hired on contractually as a new clinician to replace two clinicians who have left for full-time work.

Financial Report:

D. Gorman passed around the new FY 12 budget. Discussion followed.

Motion #2: J. Nazarchyk made the motion to approve the FY12 budget. K. Peterson seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

WADE Coalition Report:

C. Posich reported that Beth Holloway spoke on Thursday January 13. There were more than 600 people at the event and she spoke for 45 minutes. She reported that Waterford set the bar for welcoming her and making her feel safe. E. Eccleston discussed a Safety Fair that will take place in June for the schools.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

J. Nazarchyk reported that the new superintendent will begin on February 2nd.

Motion #3: R. McNamara made the motion to adjourn the meeting. G. Ryan seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Eccleston
WYSB Program Coordinator

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