

**SHELTON YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
September 19, 2012**

Attendance: Pat Stanchfield, David Munson, Laura Lee Bunosso, Howard Gura, Ken Saranich, Deborah Zahornacky, James Geissler, James Guarrera, Dee Kopec, Lorraine Williams, John Trovarelli, Kay Redmond, Amani Ward, Carly Seamon, Sara Brown

Absent: Jill Chase, Audrey Dreyer, Jay Correia, Nick Zerella

Staff: Julie Penry, Sally Schwaller, Silvia Rodriguez, Livia Draper

I. Chair Pat Stanchfield called the meeting to order at 7:50 a.m.

II. Motion made by Howard Gura and seconded by Laura Lee Bunosso to approve the May 2012 minutes. Motion carried.

III. Reports of Committees

Youth Representatives

Carly Seamon reported on the Y2Y Drug-Free conference held at Bryant College in RI last July (18 youth attended) She said it was a fantastic experience and the speakers were exceptional.

Amani Ward informed the board on updated school policies, including the new absentee and school lunch policies. Brief discussion followed.

IV. Reports of staff

A. Director's Report

Julie advised she will be serving on a mediation panel at the Girls Scouts Anti-Bullying Conference at the Intermediate School on Saturday, September 22.

In spite of a few glitches, we had another successful "Drive-In" movie season this past summer. Approximately 250 attended each movie.

Julie reported that, after speaking to skateboarders at the River Walk over the summer, she contacted Ron Herrick, Parks and Recreation, about upgrading a skateboarding park for the youth. More to follow.

The annual Connecticut Youth Services Association annual meeting is scheduled In October – there are currently 120 YSB's in the state.

On Friday, September 28, high school teachers and administrators will be wearing printed t-shirts ("I won't stand for _____" -with each individual printing his own personal message). Our office has been included in this program

B. Youth Advocate's Report

Silvia advised that, at last summer's national Y2Y conference, one of the speakers, Michael Fowlon, gave a wonderful talk on stereotyping and diversity. She plans to speak to the high school headmaster about having him speak to high school students-maybe through grant funding. More to follow.

Y2Y weekly meetings will start on Tuesday, October 2. She added one of Y2Y's objectives this year is "bringing kindness back to the community." A youth mini-conference will be scheduled in February (at the Boys and Girls Club) with workshops focusing on self-esteem/respect.

The Flex Program (8th grade Y2Y) begins October 3 at the Intermediate School; Y2Ymembers will also be addressing SIS health classes-dates to be determined.

C. C.A.P. Report and Teen Center Report

Sally Schwaller informed the board that a Safe Sitter course is scheduled in October.

Trick or Trunk Night is scheduled Wednesday, October 31 (Halloween), 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Intermediate School parking lot. SYSB handouts have been ordered. Candy donations would be greatly appreciated and can be brought to the October board meeting.

Red Ribbon Week-Sally reported that she will be ordering gemstones-engraved with positive messages-which will be available in the schools' house offices and libraries.

Teen Center – Dee Kopec advised she is working on the Teen Center schedule, which will be ready next month.

Old Business

None

New Business

A Spotlight on Youth nominee was reviewed by the board. Motion made by James Guarrera and seconded by Debbie Zahornacky to accept the nominee. Motion carried and the write-up and photo will be submitted for publication in the Huntington Herald.

Silvia Rodriguez introduced the new youth representative on the Advisory Board: Sara Brown, SHS sophomore.

Julie informed the board that Denise Turecek, Advisory Board Secretary, has resigned from the board. Howard Gura was nominated to fill the vacancy. Final vote will be taken at the October meeting.

Debbie Zahornacky opened discussion about a website: stopthetextsstopthewrecks.org. Julie will follow through.

VII. Motion made by Howard Gura and seconded by Debbie Zahornacky to adjourn the meeting at 8:30am. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Livia Draper
Acting Secretary

