

ARCH MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 4, 2006 – 8:30 am
T/E Educational Services Center, Berwyn, PA

Meeting Attendees:

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| * L. Boyle, parent, ARCH Co-Chair | R. Jones, parent, Hillside ES |
| * E. Moeller, parent, ARCH Co-Chair | M. Rama, parent, 06 CAPCO Publicity Chair |
| * L. Koropecy, parent, ARCH treasurer | |
| | * N. Adams, CHS |
| * L. Brown, parent, ARCH | * C. Groppe, CHS |
| * P. Clark, parent, ARCH | B. Dougherty, TEMS |
| * JoAnne Hilly, parent, ARCH | * P. Littlewood, TESD |
| * J. Lemco, parent, ARCH | * J. Videlock, TESD |
| M. Murphy, parent, VFES | K. Nolt, The Coad Group |

*denotes ARCH Active Member

E. Moeller welcomed everyone to meeting. Ellen introduced new COAD representative to ARCH, Kate Nolt.

B. Dougherty, Assistant Principal, T/E Middle school discussed CARE Team process. Team is comprised of two guidance counselors, three teachers and school nurse. Students can be referred for change in behavior by anyone in school or parent; behavior checklist is then sent to teachers, parents, and nurse; disciplinary and attendance records are reviewed; consultation with parents is set up to decide on assessment and/or further intervention, if deemed necessary (parental permission needed). Main function of CARE is to run groups for students – i.e., changing families, drug and alcohol, etc... CARE TEAM brochures are available for hand out and are on the TESD website at <http://tesd.k12.pa.us/stoga/Care05-06.pdf>.

C. Groppe, Assistant Principal, CHS, and N. Adams, Assistant Principal, CHS, discussed similar program at high school called STUDENT SUPPORT COMMITTEE (SSC) comprised of Administrator, School Psychologist, Student Services Staff and Resource Teacher, if applicable; referrals can come from friends, teachers, parents and can be anonymous, i.e., person can go to guidance counselor and counselor can go to team in their behalf. Also TIP line available to phone in concerns. Can be found in CHS newsletter as well as on bulletin boards throughout school. COAD may also be contacted directly for intervention. CARE Team is also involved and if needed, further referral on to IIT Tem (Instruction Intervention Team) to assess D&A or mental health concerns; other possible referrals would be to the IST Team (INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT TEAM). Any of the above or any disciplinary action is not passed on to student's transcript. All above information can be found in the Discipline and Regulation 540 Policy (under Risk Assessment).

In Chester County, drug and alcohol information and referral can be obtained 24 hours a day by calling 1-866-286-3767. All calls are private and confidential and are answered by trained professionals. Facilities that are Pennsylvania licensed for assessments as well as services for support groups, counseling, etc. can be obtained.

J. Vidlock handed out CRIMEBUSTERS cards (215-546-TIPS) that can be used to report suspicious activity or unauthorized parties, etc., in our community. All calls are confidential.

P. Clark gave the Youth Committee update. REACH has contacted the Youth Committee and expressed interest in working together on a theme dance in the spring.

ARCH Youth Outreach Committee is planning The Second Annual "Midterm Madness Garage Band Jam." Will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2006 from 7:30-10:30 pm in the Conestoga High School Cafeteria. Admission is \$5 and open to Conestoga students, with student ID. Four bands will be featured and refreshments will be provided. Volunteers who can help with chaperoning and donating refreshments are encouraged to contact Pat Clark at PattyC39@comcast.net. Tickets will be sold at school the week before midterms.

SADD is looking for financial support in obtaining a crash simulator before prom – approx. cost is \$2,000.00. COAD representative suggested to check out web for grants or call SADD office or local fire department for possible funding.

E. Moeller gave the ARCH School and Community Partnerships Committee report. They are seeking volunteers for preparing and staffing an ARCH information table at the CHS Boys Basketball game on January 31, 2006. The theme will be "Be a Smartie when you party ... Be Alcohol Free." We will be handing out the candy "Smarties" and a bookmark with an alcohol free message plus we will be providing PSAs during the games. To volunteer, contact Lisa Lenker at lmlenks@comcast.net.

ARCH School and Community Partnerships Committee is still looking at speakers and coordinating with the CHS Athletic Department to continue in our partnership, and to use grant money given to us from the PA Liquor Control Board.

Volunteers still needed to help with research on brochure rack at UMLY.

The next community ARCH meeting will be Wednesday, February 1, 2006 from 8:30-10:00 am, at the ESC Building, Berwyn. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Boyle
ARCH Co-Chair