

ARCH Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 24, 2010

In attendance: Jeanne Braun, Gwenn Mascioli, Loretta Boyle, Jacqui Hickey, Claire Ryan, Sandy Arnold, Pattie Littlewood, Michele Capuano, Ellen Moeller, Leanne Rush, Sarah Murphy, Roann Brown, and Blake Dickinson.

Welcome and Introductions

Secretary's Report: The December and January minutes have been posted to the website.

Treasurer's Report: Betsy Fadem was unable to attend. The February Treasurer's report will be included in the March meeting minutes.

Call for Nominations: The ARCH chair(s) and Treasurer positions are officially open. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Gwenn Mascioli by March 15th. The slate/ballot will be presented at the March 24th meeting.

Social Norming Update:

Homework Free Night: Back in November the student "Street Team" meet with faculty in department meetings. It was suggested that teachers consider offering 1 homework free night each month (the last Wednesday of the month). While teachers are not obligated to participate the Street Team felt they got good feedback.

Manifest Movie Day: Conestoga has offered 3 Manifest Movie Days where age appropriate movies run throughout the day. Students are invited to come in and watch during free periods/study hall time. These have been a big success so far.

Hot chocolate was served free to students during mid-term exams, allowing them to just take a break and "chill".

New Manifest shirts will be given out and the Mural in the courtyard will be updated.

Program Committee Report:

"Strength to Resist": Survey feedback from the "Strength to Resist" DVD presentation indicated overwhelmingly that participants found the information beneficial and wish to have further programming on the topic. The program committee will be providing an additional evening showing some time in mid-March. (More info to come on that)

Bob Rigby: Due to an anticipated enthusiastic turnout, the seminar will now be held at Conestoga in room 268 or the Auditorium. RSVP's can be made to the secretary at the Conestoga school office. The committee is working on event posters and flyers to be distributed to appropriate schools and organizations.

It was decided that ARCH committee members will wear nametags and buttons at ARCH events to promote the group and "put a face to the organization".

Parent Webinars: We continue to have parent interest in the webinar series. The committee feels that this program is worth subscribing to again next year.

Other:

The Radnor Community Coalition for Youth will be on April 19th. Jeanne Braun and Ellen Moeller will go to represent ARCH and give the group some of our history on the organization.

VFMS Student Faculty basketball game will be this Thursday. All proceeds will come to ARCH.

Sandy Arnold will create/update a Driving Contract to be added to our website and to be used as a hand-out. We'll revisit the Party Guidelines with Cara Bradley.

Gwenn will send a letter to T/E PTO Presidents asking for donations for ARCH.

Berwyn United Methodist Parent Speaker Series on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The next topic will be Internet Safety on March 23rd at 7 p.m.

Submitted by Leanne Miller Rush

NEXT MEETING March 24th