

**ARCH COMMUNITY MEETING  
MINUTES  
MARCH 2, 2005**

The meeting was held at 8:30 AM, in the ESC Building. Twelve people were present, with a thirteenth arriving later. In attendance: Lisa Lenker (parent), Cheryl Bergsma (parent), Betsy Fadem (parent), Bonnie Lyon (ARCH Co-Chair, parent), Lauri Koropey (ARCH Treasurer, parent), JoAnne Hilly (parent), Loretta Boyle (parent), Pattie Littlewood (TESD), Pat Clark (parent), Judy Lemco (parent), Nancy Adams (Conestoga High School), Ellen Moeller (ARCH Secretary, ARCH Co-Chair, parent), and Joyce Videlock (TESD).

**NEW BYLAWS** Bonnie Lyon conducted the meeting. Eighteen de facto ARCH Board Members were asked to attend this meeting to vote on the proposed bylaw changes. With 12 members present for the vote, a quorum was present. After discussion and edits, the bylaws were approved unanimously. (See document attached to these minutes.) One piece of the document is yet to be completed. A "Memorandum of Affiliation" will be used to identify community partners who participate in occasional ARCH projects, and whose goals are consistent with the goals of ARCH.

**PROPOSED STRATEGIC PLAN** We discussed the proposed strategic plan, which will be the blueprint for ARCH committee work and will define the goals and action steps that ARCH is addressing. When written and approved, the plan will be a proposal for the next 3-5 years. Each ARCH committee has been asked to sit down with the proposed plan and identify the goals and action steps that pertain to its own committee work. When complete, it is hoped that it will provide an avenue for more people to get involved in ARCH.

**COAD SURVEY** The Coad Group Satisfaction/Needs Survey 2004-2005 was distributed and ARCH members were asked to complete it and turn it in to Ellen prior to leaving today's meeting. The Coad Group will use this information as it plans its programming for the next fiscal year. Ellen will mail surveys to ARCH members who were not in attendance.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Youth Committee** Report given by Pat Clark.

The committee has decided that it will attempt to plan one event for high school youth every other month. For each event planned, ARCH will partner with one specific student group.

The next event that the committee is working on with high school students will be held on April 29 at the Upper Main Line YMCA. This will be planned in partnership with Peer Mediation. The exact plans are still being formed. Ideas being considered are a teacher talent show or a theme dance.

The committee feels that next year, ARCH would like to have a youth committee that is in place at each of the middle schools. J. Lemco will contact Matt Gibson (VFMS Principal) to discuss this.

The youth committee has initiated contact with Mr. Dinkins (CHS Assistant Principal) about a possible ARCH Senior Award.

Nancy Adams has looked into insurance needs. When ARCH conducts an event on school properties, it can be included in the school policy, in a similar way that PTO's are included. When an event is hosted off school property, we must clarify what our insurance needs are.

**Community and School Partnerships** Report given by Lisa Lenker.

This committee is outlining its goals and related tasks. The following 2 goals are being clarified:

1. Create a consistent pre-packaged message for the Conestoga High School coaching and music staff to present to student athletes and musicians regarding alcohol-free and other drug-free participation in these extracurricular activities.
2. Reach out to Booster Clubs to enhance parent awareness and support for presenting a consistent message to students regarding alcohol-free and other drug-free participation in these extracurricular activities.

The committee would like to meet with the Athletic Director, John Mull to begin a dialogue about how ARCH might be a resource for information for coaching staff and youth athletes. Nancy Adams offered to contact him on ARCH's behalf and to help initiate the dialogue.

**Marketing and Publicity** No report.

**Finance** No report.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

A public presentation of the summary of the 2003 PA Youth Survey Results will be given a second time on April 28, from 9:30 – 11:00 AM, in Room 268 of Conestoga High School. This is the same presentation that was given in November, but held during daytime hours. Publicity for this should be ready promptly. As this date is prior to proms and graduation, it is felt that the timing of this presentation is pertinent to high school parents. CAPCO Chairs will be asked if they would like to make a brief presentation.

ARCH liaisons during March meetings can promote CAPCO and encourage volunteers to participate. This year, the celebration will be a lock down, held at Conestoga after the Junior Prom from 11:00 PM to 3:00 AM. The date this year is Saturday, May 21.

Conestoga has a contract with a motivational speaker who will speak to grades 9, 10, and 11 on April 28. His name is Bobby Petrocelli. ARCH members are invited to hear his presentation. Details will be forthcoming.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM. The next Community ARCH meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 from 8:30 – 10:00 Am at the ESC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Moeller  
Secretary