

ARCH Minutes

March 5, 2008

8:30 - 10:00 a.m., ESC Building

Attendees at Meeting:

P. Littlewood* (TESD)	J. Braun* (parent)
J. Videlock* (TESD)	G. Mascioli* (HES, parent)
E. Moeller* (co-chair, parent)	S. Jean (VFES, parent)
M. Tannenbaum* (co-chair, parent)	J. Lemco* (parent)
M. Murphy* (secretary, parent)	G. Campbell (parent)
B. Lyon* (parent)	S. Davis* (parent)
P. Clark* (Treasurer, parent)	
A. Meisinger* (CHS)	

* Denotes active ARCH member

Welcome, Introductions

E. Moeller welcomed everyone and started introductions.

Secretary's Report

M. Murphy noted that all previous minutes are posted on the ARCH website.
(www.ARCHcares.org)

Treasurer's Report

P. Clark reviewed the account activity. There is \$6,194.71 in the ARCH account. The reduction from last month reflects a \$700.00 fee to Thom Stecher for the 3/3 presentation.

Social Norming Update

A. Meisinger reviewed the status of the Social Norming Campaign. The T/E School Board approved the partial funding of this campaign. C. Dunleavy will be coordinating the organization of the meeting with Actuality which will be full days on April 16 and 17, and a 1/2 day on April 18.

Representatives from ARCH would be welcomed as well as other key community figures, i.e., coaches, police, ministers, etc.

Central Bucks rolled out their campaign. The first day, they showed the word, "Don't". The next week, they showed the phrase, "Don't feed the wildlife." The third week, they showed they statement, "Don't feed the wildlife...2 out of 3 CB students choose not to drink."

Great Valley PHY would like to join in on the 16th for training with 2 or 3 people and will make a donation.

Other groups discussed to attend training were "Young Life", African American Parent Group, 8th grade parents, and parents from Private schools.

Communication with Teens, Part 2 – Feedback Discussion

E. Moeller graciously compiled a full list of all of the comments from the written evaluations following the Thom Stecher presentation on March 3rd.

Some of the key comments from these written evaluations and from the group discussion included:

- It was estimated that about 90 people attended the event – another successful ARCH event!
- Many of the comments from the written evaluations were very positive and will help with planning for future events
- Many in attendance thought that having students participate in the breakout sessions was very helpful and that it added insight
- The honesty of the students was appreciated
- Facilitators ate up time in the breakouts although they were viewed as well qualified and thought provoking
- Students talked a little too much and parents didn't have enough time to talk
- Stress group too big – a whole workshop on stress would be beneficial
- More focus on problem-solving, solutions, remedies, etc.
- Some expressed regret that they were not able to attend each breakout session
- Other topics to be considered in the future are:
 - Stress as it applies to teen life OTHER than academic stress and not just focused on "high achievers"
 - Standards of success – what is the measurement?
 - Time management/Study habits
 - Self esteem/Self Respect/Decision Making Skills
 - Communication between parents and children
 - "Continue the Dialogue"

ARCH/CAPCO Collaboration

In the CAPCO minutes, it is stated that "ARCH to coordinate" the May 17 CAPCO walkthrough. Discussion followed regarding:

- Publicity – What would the message be and what materials would be used?
- ARCH Information Table – What pieces would we have at the table?
- Party Bag – What would we include in the bag?
- Staffing the Walkthrough – Is this too much for us to do right now? About 100 people usually go through the walkthrough. What would be CAPCO's expectations?

VFES Pizza Bingo/Bake Sale

The Bake Sale at the VFES Pizza Bingo has been rescheduled for April 11 at CHS.

Looking Ahead...

- Officer Nominations – These will be held in April for a vote in May. Positions open include Co-Chair and Treasurer.
- Fundraising Committee – Build on the efforts of those who started fundraising last year.
- Liaison Committee – Not every school is represented.
- Events Committee – This would involve coordinating the Youth Survey and Social Norming.
- Strategic Plan Update – Update the Strategic Plan

Upcoming Dates to Remember

March 28, 9-11 a.m. – Chester Co. Caring Communities Coalition EXPO at Chester County Youth Center, 505 S. Wawaset Road, West Chester, PA 19382

April 2 – Next Community ARCH Meeting

April 11 -- VFES Pizza Bingo, Bake Sale to benefit ARCH

May 17 – CAPCO Public Walkthrough

The meeting concluded at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Murphy