

ARCH MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2007
8:30AM, ESC BUILDING

Present at Meeting:

L. Boyle, Co-Chair*
J. Braun*
L. Brown*
P. Clark
N. Clegg*
S. Davis*
B. Doherty

J. Hilly*
J. Lemco*
P. Littlewood, TESD*
E. Moeller, Co-Chair*
M. Murphy*
M. Tannenbaum*
J. Videlock, TESD*

E. Moeller began the meeting with introductions.

P. Clark gave the Treasurer's Report. Our overall balance is \$5,558.26.

J. Braun gave the Secretary's Report. Meetings are posted on the website.

We discussed ARCH representatives attending the 4th grade and 8th grade Parent Orientation events and giving a brief message on ARCH and our goals. J. Braun and L. Boyle will work out a schedule for these events in April & May. P. Littlewood will confirm dates and times of 8th Grade Parent Coffees.

N. Clegg, COAD, reported on a meeting she attended which discussed gang involvement among youth. Also, she presented an idea developed by the Norristown CTC which may be a good marketing tool for ARCH ... "The 25th Hour", which is the 5- or 10-minute increments here and there throughout the day in which we connect with our kids. The Norristown CTC is willing to share this concept and materials with us.

E. Moeller passed around an article which ran in the New York Times regarding Random Student Drug Testing.

P. Clark reported for the Youth Committee on the subject of asking parents to agree to be on a "call friendly" list, perhaps marked by an asterisk in the directory. This led to much discussion about our goals and strategies. Are the Party Guidelines still relevant? Why won't parents agree to have their name published on the website?

E. Moeller invited all to attend our end-of-year luncheon to be held at L. Boyle's home on Wed, June 6.

E. Moeller passed out the ARCH By-Laws. We are currently a federally tax-exempt organization, but not state tax-exempt. In order to apply for state tax exemption, we must

include a new Article (Article X) in our By-Laws which deals with the issue of ARCH dissolving. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept Article X and we will move forward with the application process for state tax-exemption.

E. Moeller raised the issue of upcoming ARCH Board elections. The positions of Co-Chair, held by L. Boyle, and Secretary, held by J. Braun, expire at the end of this year. It was moved to nominate M. Murphy to the position of Secretary and M. Tannenbaum to the position of Co-Chair. Both are two-year terms. The election will be held at our next meeting.

M. Tannenbaum shared with the group his view on some of ARCH's objectives for the coming year, which are the following: Getting the ARCH Listserv more active with participants and members; being a valuable resource in obtaining and sharing important information with ARCH members and parent groups; being selective in our goals and being careful to not push people, but to suggest way they can help in our effort; and finally, to address our meeting time, so that more people have the opportunity to participate.

The next meeting for ARCH is Wednesday, May 2, ESC Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Braun
Secretary