

ARCH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

8:30AM – ESC Building

Attendees:

L. Boyle, parent, ARCH Co-Chair*
J. Braun, parent*
P. Clark, parent*
J. Hilly, parent*
L. Leff, parent
P. Littlewood, TESD*
B. Lyon, parent*
A. Meisinger, CHS*
E. Moeller, parent, ARCH Co-Chair*
M. Murphy, parent*
M. Tannenbaum, parent*
J. Videlock, TESD*

* denotes active ARCH member

E. Moeller & L. Boyle welcomed everyone and began introductions.

J. Braun gave the Secretary's Report.

P. Clark gave the Treasurer's Report. We have \$5558.26 in our account.

Amy Meisinger, Assistant Principal at CHS, gave a report on Unity Rocks Week at the high school. This week of activities for the students was organized and run by the Peer Mediators and the CARE Team at Conestoga. Tom Stecker was hired to provide and facilitate programs for the sophomore and freshman classes. The sophomores' subject was drugs & alcohol and the freshmen's subject was bullying. Tom had a number of facilitators who worked with the students in small group sessions. It was very well received by the students. A. Meisinger indicated that Tom would be agreeable to working with parents and creating a potential Parent CARE Team, training parents to be facilitators in group settings. ARCH may look to do something like this in the fall, inviting parents in the community to take part. It was agreed that we may have to meet over the summer to move this idea forward.

J. Braun & L. Boyle gave updates on the 8th Grade Parent High School Orientation Coffees, at which they presented information on ARCH. The information was well received at both coffees and a number of parents expressed interested in attending future meetings. We will be present at a number of 4th Grade Parent Middle School Orientations this month. E. Moeller provided materials to hand-out at these meetings, much of which was provided by COAD.

E. Moeller reported that she attended the Great Valley PHY Youth Survey Presentation at Paoli Hospital.

J. Vidlock reported that we still have not heard from PALCB regarding our grant application. We should be hearing very soon. E. Moeller passed around a sheet for members to indicate their willingness to work on a social norming campaign.

ARCH held elections for the two-year terms of Co-Chair and Secretary. It was moved, seconded and approved that M. Murphy will be ARCH Secretary and M. Tannenbaum will be ARCH Co-Chair. E. Moeller's term as Co-Chair continues for one more year as does P. Clark's for Treasurer.

We discussed some issues for moving forward. We are considering adding alternate meeting times to our calendar so that working parents and dads especially have the opportunity to be involved. We discussed having fewer "open" meetings and more community "events", with the board and committees meeting as necessary. We brainstormed ways to get more parents involved in ARCH, while recognizing that over the past couple years, we have raised the awareness of ARCH and the drug and alcohol issue considerably.

Our end-of-year luncheon will be held at Loretta Boyle's home on Wed, June 6 at 11:30AM. We agreed to each invite one or two key people who may want to be more involved next year.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Braun
ARCH Secretary