

ARCH MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 7, 2005 -- 8:30AM
T/E Educational Services Center, Berwyn, PA

Meeting Attendees:

L. Boyle, parent, ARCH Co-Chair*	M. Murphy, parent
E. Moeller, parent, ARCH Co-Chair*	S. Poritsky, parent*
J. Braun, parent, ARCH Secretary*	L. Rose, parent
A. Bailey, parent	D. Ryan, parent
N. Barna, parent*	
S. Behmke, parent*	K. Sabet, concerned citizen
C. Bergsma, parent*	N. Adams, CHS*
J. Hagy, parent*	B. Tavenger, CHS student
R. Groves, parent*	P. Littlewood, TESD*
J. Lemco, parent*	J. Videlock, TESD*
L. Lenker, parent*	J. Mutter, Tredyffrin Twp. Police
B. Lyon, parent*	A. Mullen, VFMS

*denotes ARCH Active Member

E. Moeller welcomed everyone to the meeting.

B. Tavenger and K. Sabet presented information on their Random Student Drug Testing proposal (RSDT). They reiterated that the primary goals of RSDT are (1) to deter students from using and (2) to encourage a referral for help for students and friends. They indicated that there is a “town-hall-style” meeting tentatively scheduled for 1/11/06 at CHS to discuss RSDT and to gauge community support. They were asking for ARCH to support their effort by (1) being an integral part of their strategy and (2) helping to get the word out for the meeting in January.

A question and answer discussion followed with much emphasis on the conditional elements of the program, targeting those students involved in extracurricular activities, etc. After much discussion, members agreed that, due to the complexity of this issue and proposal, we cannot rush a decision regarding ARCH support.

J. Braun gave the Secretary’s Report, noting that the minutes from the ARCH Community Roundtable Meeting are posted on the website.

J. Braun, Marketing Committee, presented various ARCH tag line options. After discussion and a vote, the following tag line was approved by the membership: Working to Keep Kids Alcohol & Drug Free.

E. Moeller asked the group if anyone has an interest in serving on the Marketing Committee, as they need help on accomplishing some goals, including having a continual presence in school newsletters and publicity. R. Graves indicated that he is willing to help with the Marketing effort.

J. Lemco gave the Youth Committee report. Movie Night at CHS was poorly attended, partly due to lack of student support promoting the event. The Youth Committee is

planning the 2nd Annual Midterm Madness – Garage Band Jam, which will be held in the CHS cafeteria on Thursday, 1/26/05, 7:30-10:30. This is being done in conjunction with the Peer Mediation Group at CHS. They will be seeking food & beverage donations from various class parent meetings. There is a \$5 charge for the event.

L. Lenker gave the Community Partnership Committee report. ARCH had a booth (unstaffed) at College Night at CHS and much of our literature was picked up. This committee is planning to have ARCH presence at a CHS Basketball Game on 1/31/06 and is looking for volunteers to help with that effort. Also, we have secured ad space in the Wrestling, Basketball and Music Man programs.

J. Videlock reported on a meeting regarding accessing the results from the 2005 Drug & Alcohol Survey. We should be able to retrieve the data sooner and \ impact the presentation of the results.

E. Moeller relayed for Officer Mutter that the Parent DARE Program will begin on 1/18/06 and continue each Wednesday evening through March.

E. Moeller brought up a very important topic for ARCH future discussion. As Ellen's compelling "Letter to the Editor" receives more exposure, ARCH should be aware of and able to direct parents to community resources in order to get their kids evaluated and treated for drug and alcohol problems. We will discuss this at our next meeting.

Respectively submitted,
Jeanne Braun, Secretary

Next ARCH Meeting: Wednesday, January 4, 2006, 8:30-10:00AM