

ARCH MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 14, 2005
ESC Building; 8:30AM

Attendees

E. Moeller, parent, ARCH Co-Chair*
L. Boyle, parent, ARCH Co-Chair*
L. Koropey, parent, ARCH Treasurer*
J. Braun, parent, ARCH Secretary
N. Barna, parent
L. Brown, parent*
P. Clark, parent*
J. Hagy, parent*
J. Hilly, parent*
J. Lemco, parent*
L. Lenker, parent*
B. Lyon, parent*
C. O'Halloran, parent
S. Poritsky, parent*
C. Reiss, parent
K. Ronnan, parent

L. Rose, parent
M. Shapiro, parent
T. Kenworthy, COAD*
K. Collier, PHY
N. Adams, TESD*
C. Groppe, TESD
P. Littlewood, TESD*
K. Neary, TESD
J. Videlock, TESD*

Officer J. Mutter, Tredyffrin Police Dept.

*denotes ARCH Active Members

E. Moeller, **ARCH Co-Chair**, welcomed everyone and began introductions.

J. Braun gave the **Secretary's Report**, reminding those present that ARCH now requires that a "Memorandum of Understanding" be filled out by those who wish to participate in votes as ARCH members. It is not mandatory in order to be involved in meetings, committees and discussions; only to vote. Also, ARCH is in the process of putting together a comprehensive list of T/E School Contacts for member use.

L. Koropey gave the **Treasurer's Report**, stating that we have spent much of what was in our treasury; for the leadership forum and for the CHS Senior Award. We have received a \$260 donation from United Way (which came from a workplace matching fund program). Also, our 501C3 Status has been confirmed, so we are awaiting the \$3000 PA-LCB grant money.

Officer J. Mutter, from the **Tredyffrin Township Police Department**, spoke about the DARE Program which he conducts for 5th graders at T/E & Valley Forge Middle Schools. He is developing a new program which is "Dare for Parents" and we discussed the partnership possibilities with ARCH. The program would likely be five 2-hour classes and would take place at the Tredyffrin Township Building. He will report back to us with potential dates and locations.

L. Lenker gave the **School & Community Partnership Report**. She reported on the successful Sports Leadership Conference which was held August 23rd, with 67 athletes and 7 coaches attending. Based on feedback, which is still coming in, the session was well-received and very productive.

The Community/School Partnership Committee plans to meet with CHS Coaches of Fall Sports, just as they did in the spring, to provide valuable information and seek feedback on how ARCH can work with their teams. There has also been conversations and a meeting with Dave Grace, John Mull's successor as CHS athletic director.

The Community/School Partnership Committee is working on ARCH's presence at upcoming fall events, including Homecoming (9/30) and the Soccer Games vs. Radnor (10/18). We need volunteers for both events, including parents and student groups.

Also, ARCH has the opportunity to display posters and material in the hallway and locker room at UMLY; we need to coordinate that effort with the Marketing Committee.

ARCH has been given ad space in the following CHS Fall Sports Programs: Football, Soccer & Field Hockey. We are running the "Only Way To Play" ad.

The Community/School Partnership Committee also reported that ARCH will again have a presence at UMLY Healthy Kids Day in the spring of '06. Also expressed as a future goal, is to target the Music Students at CHS through the TEMPO organization.

P. Clark reported on the **Youth Committee**, providing all with an overview of the Youth Committee's goals and what groups they work with in the schools. For this school year, they are working on a Movie Night at CHS, based on feedback from students.

Also, after meeting with Matt Gibson, principal at VFMS, to discuss a potential youth event at Valley Forge Middle, they will be working on an activity/event for the 5th graders. This committee is looking for middle school parents to help with the event. Another idea in the pipeline is a Youth Forum, which might be a roundtable discussion among students to talk about and addresses issues related to tobacco, alcohol and other drug use.

It was noted by Dr. J. Videlock that the 7th and 8th grade Health curriculum will include a Lifeskills Training Program that addresses drug & alcohol. 6th Grade will be added next year. Also, there is a similar program targeting 3rd & 4th graders that is being introduced this year.

J. Hagy reported that the **Marketing Committee** will be focusing on reaching parents at all grade levels. To that end, ARCH messages will be in each of the eight school directories. In addition, we are working on inclusion on all school newsletters and having an ARCH liaison with each school's PTO/HSA organization. The Marketing Committee will also be helping with ARCH's presence at various functions and events.

We discussed establishing a **Fundraising Committee**, whose goal will be to solicit donations (goods and dollars) from corporate and business partners.

Dr. J. Videlock stated that he noted that the 2005 Youth Survey will be administered this November to grades 6, 8, 10, & 12.

There will be no October monthly meeting, however individual committees are encouraged to meet. **Our next meeting will be the ARCH Community Partnership Meeting, on Wednesday, November 2, 8:30-10AM in the ESC Building.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Braun