

**SHELTON YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2008**

Attendance: James Geissler, James Guarrera, Dee Kopec, Robin L. Skowronski, David Munson, Det. Tom Federowicz, Audrey Dreyer, Jill Chase, Denise Turecek, Howard Gura

Absent: Deborah Zahornacky, Jay Correia, John Trovarelli, Kay Redmond, Ellen Goggins, Michel'le Soto, Twiza Mambwe

Staff: Julie Penry, Sally Schwaller, Livia Draper

I. Chairperson Jim Geissler called the meeting to order at 7:55 a.m.

Motion made by Howard Gura and seconded by Denise Turecek to accept the November 2007 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Geissler informed the board that Julie Penry was appointed by Governor Rell to serve on the Advisory Board of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Committee of the State of Connecticut.

III. Reports of Committees

Youth Representatives

 No report – due to midterm exams, youth representatives were unable to attend the meeting.

IV. Reports of staff

A. Director's Report

 Julie reviewed her report.

 Julie advised that the SYSB was awarded a \$1500 Special Needs Grant from Valley United Way for the "Drunken Sundae" pre-prom activity for high school juniors and seniors. Jim Geissler suggested that Valley United Way members be invited to this program.

 She further advised Department of Education enhancement money (\$7500) will be allocated as follows:

 (a) Glowfest Dance

- (b) **Spring Youth Conversation; formation of a youth advisory board to work with the Shelton Coalition to Stop Underage Drug and Alcohol Use**
- (c) **After-school activities (3)**
- (d) **SIS health classes - handouts**
- (e) **SIS clusters will design a bulletin board (topic-underage drink; the winning entry will be posted on a city billboard**
- (f) **Community Conversations (2)**

Denise Turecek suggested that the bulletin board contest be open to individual students – not clusters.

Youth Advocate's Report

The Youth Advocate report was reviewed.

Julie added the youth group is planning youth conference in the spring to be held at the Boys and Girls Club.

C. C.A.P. Report and Teen Center Report

Sally Schwaller reviewed the C.A.P. report.

She added that very few responses have been received for the Community Conversation scheduled January 24 (for students in grades 6-8 and their parents/guardians), and the program might be cancelled.

Teen Center – Dee Kopec advised that the winter dance is January 18 at the new intermediate school. The next event is in March (a swim at the Community Center). She added that, after some investigation, scheduling Teen Center field trips was not cost effective.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

Six Spotlight on Youth nominations were reviewed by the board. Two were approved for publication in the Huntington Herald. Four were tabled for the February 2008 meeting.

VII. Motion made by Dee Kopec and seconded by Howard Gura to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Correia, Secretary

