

HC-HK Coalition Minutes
February 16, 2011

Call to order: By Co-Chairwoman Eileen Lawrence at 8:20 AM, following a “Meet and Greet” for new folks attending, and a presentation by Cheryl Chandler, on behalf of the coalition, to outgoing RSD #17 Superintendent Gary Mala thanking him for his support of the coalition and wishing him well. Interim Superintendent John Sullivan and Haddam First Selectman Paul Destafano were also present.

Members Present: Kate Glendon, Seth Nuzum, Eileen Lawrence, Lisa Mason, Jim Connelly, Matt Ward, John Sullivan, Gary Mala, Paul DeStefano, Cheryl Chandler, Hilary Kumnick, Tanya Moriarity, Carol Dupuis, Meshelle Gardner, Sam Parker, Kristin Stolen, Jason Weinstein, Anna Shultz, Michelle Strom, Catherine Iino, Ernest Nagler, David Matthews, Linda Kauffman, Scott Monroe, Keith Lyke, Luis Moren and Eric Weglarz.

Minutes of last meeting: Distributed by email prior to meeting and were also available to review at the meeting. Motion to accept made by Hilary and seconded by Jim. Minutes were accepted as read.

Special Report on CADCA: Seth reported that 5 members; himself, Jim, Kathryn, Cheryl and Carol attended the conference in D.C. 2/7-2/10/11. Carol reported that the workshops were very informative; Jim agreed and mentioned that Cheryl and Kate graduated from the intense 3 week training at CADAC academy. Cheryl reported on the trip to Capitol Hill to meet with representatives from Senators Blumenthal’s and Lieberman’s offices as well as an actual meeting with Rep. Courtney. The visits were very timely as budget talks were beginning. Carol also reported that the group brought back handouts etc. She gave a manual specifically written for pharmacists, to Keith Lyke and Luis Moren, two new pharmacists in our towns, who joined our meeting today.

Reports from Committees:

SOCIAL NORMS: Kate reported progress on the posters with input from the students. The one relating to sports is ready. The others are to follow soon.

EDUCATION: Carol reported that she attended the program at the HS. Many parents took the handouts and some asked questions. Carol encouraged them to get involved and to get their students involved. The next event will be a presentation for students and parents at the HK-MS. SADD Chairman and CEO, Stephen Wallace, will be the speaker at 7:00 PM on March 22, 2011 sponsored by MS SADD and Liberty Mutual. Wallace is the author of *Reality Gap—What Parents Don’t Know and Teens Aren’t Telling*,

OUTREACH: Cheryl commented on the success of this morning’s “Meet and Greet”. Hilary pointed out the need to get someone from the media involved.

Coalition Orientation: The group divided into four groups to play “HC-HK Coalition Trivia” with a number of questions about the history of our Coalition. Team 2 was the winner!

Youth Groups:

Students for a Change: Anna reported they viewed the video produced by H-K students for the recent NEASC accreditation process and felt it was a good portrayal of the school. They are in the process of approving the Social Norms posters and they are planning a luncheon for the custodians because they feel this group is not shown the appreciation they deserve. They also are looking for ways to recognize students who are making improvement in school, not just those on honor roll, etc.

GLASS: Cheryl reported that there will 10 students attending the True Colors conference.

Youth in Action: Anna reported that there is a drive to collect coats and boots on Feb. 26, 10:30-1:30 at the HK-MS. YIA is planning to schedule a dodge ball tournament and a bake sale to benefit the food pantry.

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GIVE: Shelby said there is no new report other than the Ass't. Principal has OK'd having a representative of the Protectors of Animals to give a presentation at the HS.

MS SADD: Kate reported they are working on the Anti Smoking Day

Student Advisory Group: Kate said the group is working on a "Lunch Table Mix Up" project to encourage interaction of students who might not otherwise get together.

HS SADD: They have not had a chance to meet since Christmas break due to snow days.

Habitat for Humanity: no report

New community groups: Kate reported that Laurin Franco, Y & FS Intern, has started 2 new groups starting next week. Family Connections, for parents of adopted children, will meet Tuesdays from 6-7:30pm in the lower media center at H-KHS and WELL (Women Encouraging Living Life), a meeting for women in the community.

Middlesex County Substance Abuse Action Council (MCSACC): Lisa gave an extensive report, detailed in an attachment to these minutes.

Civic Organizations:

Killingworth Lions Club: Hilary reported that the organization is ready for it's annual Senior Dinner, a free dinner for Killingworth residents over age 65, to be held in February. There will be an induction for at least 2 Eagle Scouts on Feb. 27. They are also planning the annual Easter Egg Hunt at KES. He also reported that the HS Leos group met yesterday. They are working on: raising money for a new flag pole, mentoring MS students and they will be setting up, and cleaning up after, the senior dinner.

Killingworth Womens' Organization: Cheryl reported that the KWO presented a check for \$1,400 to Youth and Family Services from the proceeds of their annual holiday Light Spectacular. The group is also going to be sponsoring a Parent/Child Dance.

Law Enforcement: Jim Connelly reported that there is money available for 13 Party Patrol shifts. The mock crash is being scheduled for H-K senior class at the end of May. Both Jim and Matt Ward will be attending MCSACC Local Prevention Council Forum meeting today re: Social Host Law.

RSD 17: No report

Education: Ernest reported that there are 2 visitors from China in the District now and that in April; the HS Principal Charlie Macunas along with Chuck Lewis, Director of RSD #17 TV Production curriculum will be traveling to China as representatives of RSD#17. There are plans for a community group to go to China in the future. A youth group will be going to Washington, DC on March 28.

Community: Cathy Iino announced that Killingworth will be holding a community "Conversation Regarding Education" on April 9th at the MS. Students are invited too.

Adjournment: Next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2011, 8:00 AM at the HK-MS conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Dupuis

Attachments: MCSACC Report 2/16/11 and Important dates memo