

HC-HK Coalition Minutes
January 19, 2011

Call to order: By Co-Chairman Seth Nuzum at 8:07 AM. Seth asked members to sign in and to take a complimentary HCHK water bottle. He noted there are no students present today due to HS exams.

Members Present: Kate Glendon, Seth Nuzum, Eileen Lawrence, Lisa Mason, Jim Connelly, Cheryl Chandler, John Westerholm, Hilary Kumnick, Tanya Moriarity, John Daviau and Carol Dupuis

Minutes of last meeting:

Distributed by email prior to meeting. Motion to accept made by Tanya and seconded by Jim. Motion passed with one abstention, by Hilary who not attended the meeting.

Reports from Committees:

SOCIAL NORMS:

Kate reported that the new billboard poster was ready. Carol reported seeing it up on Rte. 154. Kate also reported that the website is updated and that a brochure for teachers is in the works.

EDUCATION:

Eileen reported that there is an upcoming Parent Orientation evening for incoming 9th grader parents. An email had been received from Linda Kauffman stating that the meeting is Jan. 31, not in April as previously discussed. Carol will check with the HS administrators regarding a table for our materials and requesting a minute or two to speak at the beginning of the event. Carol will be available that evening, Kate will not and Eileen will attend if possible. Kate reported that there would be a program at the MS in March for parents and students featuring Steve Wallace as the speaker.

OUTREACH:

Jim reported that the brochures for local businesses are ready to be distributed. Each committee member has a list of folks they will

contact. A "Meet & Greet" segment will be part of the February meeting for new folks in attendance. Cheryl will invite Supt. Gary Mala, who is leaving the district, to the Feb. meeting for a thank you and recognition of his support for our organization.

Action Plan:

John Daviau reported that we are now in the first quarter of year 7 of the grant, and are preparing for the re-continuation grant application. The re-continuation grant application is non-competitive. He and Kate have amended the year 7's action plan and are preparing for year 8's action plan. They have changed a couple of the activities under the objectives. John reviewed the activity for **Objective I.1** and the group agreed with it. Hilary raised the question of sustainability. Cheryl reported that she has already submitted a plan for sustainability. She will get copies to any members who would like one.

Objective I.2 was reviewed. Carol suggested an editorial deletion of the word "and" in the first line. John W. raised a concern about how we address "connecting" the separate buildings (middle school and high school). There is a very active SADD group at the MS. There was discussion of the need to connect the MS students with the HS students so they will continue their involvement at the HS. Cheryl said that she and others would do more to make that happen. She also reported that the summary of the results of the recent survey is being worked on.

Objective 1.5 The Coalition packet was discussed and there seemed to be a consensus that it should be shared with potential members.

Objective II.3 There was discussion that the goal or activity of changing ordinances might be too ambitious and unrealistic. Cheryl suggested that perhaps we should research what is already in place. There was a question about how much is really out there. John W. reminded us that some members took pictures of various displays, relatively recently. There was discussion of smoking on school campuses in the district. Hilary mentioned that there is smoking at outdoor sports events and that folks go outside to smoke at other

events, despite the ordinance against it. Carol suggested contacting the BOE re: better signage, making no smoking on school property a condition of vendor contracts, and if not already in place a no smoking policy at school events off campus for students and adults. It was also suggested that announcements about the policy be made at every event.

John D. will contact Kate if there are questions or comments as he revises the document.

Reports

Youth Group:

Seth reported that Lauren told him the Habitat for Humanity group will be selling bracelets as a fundraiser. Also, the Juvenile Review Board continues to get referrals. There are currently 5 or 6 cases. Carol suggested that there be more publicity about the JRB. Kate reported that the MS SADD group is sponsoring a "Kick Butt Day" as well as a Valentine's Day project for senior citizens. Cheryl reported that another MS group, *GIVE*, is meeting and the students have a lot of great ideas.

Middlesex County Substance Abuse Action Council (MCSACC):

Lisa reported that they are making progress on their website. They are looking for feedback about speakers that LPC's may have had and for info about events that other folks may attend. There is a survey available for LPCs. Lisa said they are hoping to have a campaign ready for prom season. There was some discussion about the rise in popularity of K2 and Salvia. Lisa reported that MCSACC has a slide presentation available.

Law Enforcement: No updates

Civic Organizations:

Hilary reported that the Killingworth Lions have inducted some students into the Leo Club. The Lions are sponsoring a Senior dinner on Sunday. Cheryl reported that the KWO is sponsoring a dance for

students and parents using a mini grant from the Coalition. Eileen reported that the Early Childhood group will be doing a "make it and take it" workshop.

RSD 17: No report

Community

Cheryl mentioned, as a follow up to the *Names Can Hurt* program, that she received an email from a teacher to say she had noticed a positive difference in the way her class now treats a student who spoke at the assembly.

There was some discussion about district Health classes and how we might help out.

Orientation Game:

Due to time limits the game was postponed till the February Meeting

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 AM. Members were invited to the strategic planning meeting following the coalition meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2011, 8:00 AM in the HKHS conference room with a "Meet and Greet" as a part of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Dupuis