

FLASAP
FAIR LAWN ALLIANCE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

MEETING - November 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 PM. Present at the meeting were Sgt. Derek Bastinck, Lorraine Fleming, Cindy Martinez, Dave Reiter, Eileen Yeager, Lisa Yourman, concerned citizen, Claude Beinstock, student representatives Lindsey DeBellis and Mike Goldstone.

Sgt. Bastinck purchased the refreshments for the meeting.

Discussion ensued without an agenda, no treasurer's report or the minutes from the prior meeting.

Jeanne Baratta is talking with Jim Graff about a teen night for December 2008. According to the student reps, the only evenings which have scheduled events for the high school are December 11 and 17, 2008. An activities list for 2008-2009 was distributed.

Eileen Yeager discussed the Parent Program on January 14, 2009, with a snow date of January 21, 2009 and the site will be announced (possibly TJ middle school). Dangers of the internet will be presented by the prosecutor's office and Andy Yeager will provide the psychological viewpoint. FLASAP could have a table at this event.

E. Yeager stated that the School of Rock in Hackensack is used for programs.

With regard to REBEL, it is a non smoking evidence based program.

Positive Parenting would be a three week session, 35 parents is a good target, and March 2009 is a goal.

There if a faculty in service in January 2009, and after they will show the students and send information home with them.

Character Counts is now at TJ middle school. It has already been successful at Memorial middle school with State awards. Their staff is training other schools, TJ staff has been trained and the program will enter into the elementary schools next.

The TJ walk-a-thon raised \$8,000 for the EMT and Rescue. Homerooms each created a banner for a pillar trait: responsibility, courtesy, citizenship. Pledges were raised by phone calls for laps walked, and incentives provided. The next walk-a-thon will raise funds for the Opportunity Center and the Fire Dept. The Milnes School mascot is Angelica Romano, a student with Downes Syndrome.

New focus is on the January trip to the Vault, Memorial middle school "Feeling Fine 2009" Program. The sixth grade will be going to the fitness center in Glen Rock. Donations towards programs were requested by Eileen Yeager. Last year \$1,000 was donated for the "Squeaky

Clean” concert and the senior breakfast. Because students are a captive audience before leaving it would be an opportunity for Dennis to be a speaker.

Parisi did Color Wars, and TJ has a fire hazard and due to that, the entire school cannot meet in the auditorium at the same time. Sgt. Derek motioned to donate \$1000 to each middle school, TJ and MMS; Cindy Martinez seconded the motion and it was passed by five members and both (2) student reps. The secretary for the meeting was unsure as to Eileen’s voting status at present, and if she has voting rights, then the five member votes increased to six.

Sgt. Bastinck stated that the Explorers went out for Halloween. There will be an open house orientation December 2008 or early January 2009 for prospective new members. Eighth graders can start in the summer before ninth grade, but during the school year the minimum is ninth grade.

Keep Kids off the Street Tuesday High School Basketball program is in session. There is a later start time of 7:30 PM due to Rec Center scheduling conflicts. Dave Reiter confirmed that a timely announcement was not made at the high school; flyers were not put up or available. Student reps will speak about this at the next meeting and make an announcement in the school. The first week there were 36 kids, of which 10-12 will go to the high school team. The second week there was 20-25 and 1-2 new applicants. Since the referee fees are paid, the amount of \$35 per game for 2 games was discussed vs. \$50 a game for 2 games due to the added responsibility and Dave Reiter will not be able to run the program this year. T-shirts will also be required.

Great American Smokeout: TJ and MMS, November 20, 2008. REBEL performed a skit; an information table was set up. Signs were posted 1200, 72, 84%, all which represent tobacco Statistics. Students traced a hand and wrote an anti tobacco message to someone wishing to quit, or in memory of someone who passed on due to a tobacco related illness. Each student who traced a hand received an award.

7th-8th Grade Basketball: This is the Saturday morning program held at MMS. We have provided support for this activity in the form of shirts for the participants in past years. We agreed all in favor to continue to support this program and Dave Reiter will verify if funding is still required and then contact Carol Wagner. If shirts are not required, the money for this program can be put back into another program.

L. Fleming passed around a Thank You card for the fruit basket her family received in sympathy for their loss.

Cindy Martinez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM, all in favor.