



IDEA TASK FORCE COALITION MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION
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MINUTES OF MEETING – IDEA COMPASS COALITION TASK FORCE
March 4, 2014 7:00 – 9:00 Trinity Lutheran School

PRESENT AT MEETING : Marybeth Welsh, Barbara Vouris, Robert Cuffie, Myrill Solaski, Liz Mayott, Tom Leggio, Peggy Brown, Marcia Acosta, Melanie Holz, Kathy Pedalino, Matthew Marano, Sienna Salcedo, Ronnie King, Michael Staneck, David Twomey, John Wright, Ken Phalen.

1. Call to Order/Welcome – Barbara Vouris welcomed all to meeting and introductions went around the table.

2. Review of Minutes – Minutes were reviewed and approved. Minutes from post prom meeting were discussed as well.

3. COPE Report – Officer Wright reported to group that the precinct has been receiving calls from the High School about some recent verbal altercations happening on campus. These altercations have taken place after dismissal with students coming on campus from other school districts. The COPE unit has been patrolling campus and will continue to do so. Other than that, Officer Wright said things have been pretty quiet around the Islip Hamlet. Members of the group discussed the eight arrests at several local businesses selling alcohol and cigarettes to underage teens in Bay Shore, West Islip, and Islip. Employees of Gulf, Citgo, USA Gas, Village Market, Brightwaters Wine and Liquors I W. Islip, and Palmer Liquors in Islip. These businesses have been issued summons.

4. Youth Sector –

- Rob informed group that the YMCA program will begin on Tues. March 11. The program will run every Tuesday and Thursday from March 11th through the end of the school year from dismissal - 5:00pm. The students will be bused from school to the YMCA and then back to school where they can get on the late bus and head home. The Suffolk Transportation Dept. has so generously offered to donate the bus services free of charge for this program. Rob has about 25 – 30 students signed up for the program. Permission slips have been sent home. An orientation will take place and a paperwork packet will be sent home to parents.
- The Second annual Game Night will take place on April 4th from 5:00pm – 9:00pm for the High School Students. Rob has started to put together the list of games that will be offered. Middle School Game Night Date has yet to be determined. Rob is trying to find MS Staff and Student Services Staff to partner with to help out with the event. Melanie Holz has generously offered to again donate all the screens and projectors.

5. Post Prom – Letter for parents is ready to go out. Just waiting to be approved. Event is still in developing stages.



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6. Programs –

- Blaine Wiseman the SADD advisor has expressed an interest in partnering with the IDEA Task Force and putting together an educational program for daytime and evening.
- Movie Fundraiser TBD – Hoping to develop and finalize this fundraiser. Liz Mayott suggested contacting by email Tom Cilmi who will then get in contact with the owner of the theater. Peggy spoke of incorporating the community in the event. Maybe offer pizza at Gino's, go to the movies and then after movie, treat at the local yogurt shop. Barbara suggested IDEA Task Force produce tickets for advance sales
- . The movie that would be offered during April break would be RIO II.

7. Announcements/Mutual Concerns –

- Unfortunately there wasn't anyone in attendance that had attended the Hofstra Violence Prevention Conference. We are hoping someone can report at the next meeting.
- Barbara announced two future Narcan trainings.
- Barbara is scheduled to speak about IDEA Compass Coalition at the next Chamber of Commerce meeting on March 11. She will be giving a presentation on the work of all the members of the IDEA Compass Coalition.
- Myrill Solaski suggested also having IDEA Compass Coalition Representatives and information at the upcoming 6 grade orientation (for 5th grade) and also the 9th grade orientation (for 8th grade).
- Melanie announced that the Chamber of Commerce just had a very successful event held at the High School, "Jeans for Teens". Fourteen Hundred pairs of jeans were donated. She also suggested that the IDEA task force offer a "Shed the Meds" program. We could have it at the local Fire Department from 10AM until 1:00 PM. The Sheriff's Department comes with lock boxes. People are welcomed to come in and dispose of all unused medication. Could have Youth and Prevention services come attend and have tables set up with flyers and handouts.
- Next meeting will be April 29 at 7:00pm at the Islip Fire Department. Parking on Smith Avenue lot behind the United Methodist Church – 350 Main St. Islip. Also parking for (Islip Community Nursery School).

The meeting concluded at 9:00 pm.