

COMPASS meeting minutes: Wednesday, February 24, 2010

In attendance: Judy Cummings (Bay Shore Schools), Michelle Garrett (Bay Shore Schools), Mike Levine (Bay Shore Schools), Chris Mentz (Bay Shore Schools), Ann Haney (SCPADD), Peter Michelman (Bay Shore Schools), Cynthia Manthie (SNAP LI), Carolyn Carrillo (Youth Enrichment Services), Courtney Russo (Family Service League), Anatt Giraldo (Family Service League), Ken Grotell (SNAP Long Island), Chris Hilditch (Parent), Nikki Hadlicki (Child Protective Services- Suffolk County Social Services)

1.0 Attendees introduced themselves and announced their affiliations.

2.0 Committee Reports:

Project Outreach- Coordinator, Grace DeFonte (Spanish Speaking Parent) has made contact close to fifty Spanish-speaking families. Additionally, she is working with ADELANTE who is starting an evening resource program for Spanish-speaking parents in the Bay Shore School District. Meetings will take place in the Bay Shore Middle School on Monday evenings. The program will run for approximately five months. (Reported by J. Cummings)

Safe Homes- Announcements with regard to Safe Homes is being made whenever an audience of parents are present. Coordinator Ann Pacella has been communicating with various building PFA's. She will have a presence at the both Transition Nights, the Summit and the Community Drug Forum. (J. Cummings reported for Ann Pacella)

Work/Career readiness Program: The program is off and running. So far it appears to be extremely successful. Ten PM students are working part-time in local settings. They meet once a week to get guidance on resume writing, portfolio building, life skills, etc.... (Reported by Carolyn Carrillo-Youth Enrichment Services)

3.0 Special Projects

Community Drug Forum- "Truth and Consequences" will take place on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 in the high school auditorium. Resource tables will be open at 6:30 PM along with a drop-off for unused prescription drugs. Flyers have gone out to all parents and we will be sending home brochures next week sometime. All present were asked to copy flyers and brochures and to encourage parents and student to attend.

The program that evening includes the a poignant performance by High School Peer Support, guest speaker Charles Bernard (DEA Agent) and a panel of three Bay Shore

community members who have been affected in some way by drugs. (J. Cummings reported on behalf of Jim McGowan)

\*Chris Hilditch recommended having the program video taped and posted on the Web for parents and students who could not attend. J. Cummings will look into having this accomplished.

### 3.0 Transition Night

#### Middle School - Tuesday, April 20, 2010

- ✓ Yes Agreed to coordinate babysitting and 5<sup>th</sup> grade student piece
- ✓ Revise letter to parents-(Include statement about support for non-English speaking parents)- C. Mentz
- ✓ Contact GM & SC for mailing- C. Mentz
- ✓ Contact PFA for refreshments- C. Mentz
- ✓ Contact SCOPE and L. Balsamo for presentation- J. Cummings
- ✓ Invite District Administration & Board of Education- J. Cummings
- ✓ Arrange building usage & set up (Mr. Lewis & Mr. Hulse)- C. Mentz
- ✓ Phone Blast- L. Outlaw
- ✓ Ask Dr. Holman if she wants to speak- J. Cummings
- ✓ COMPASS organizations- Informational Tables
- ✓ Students for bilingual support- M. Garrett
- ✓ SNAP with present a program- Speaker to be determined- Cynthia & Ken will get back to Mr. Mentz.
- ✓ Mr. Michelman will arrange for middle school student panel and guides.
- ✓ Invite all sixth grade teachers- C. Mentz
- ✓ Post on Web site- J. Cummings (Our Schools-???)
- ✓ Safe Homes- Ann Pacella

#### High School- Tuesday, April 27, 2010

It was recommended that formal presentations be eliminated. Therefore, the program will be modified as follows:

Welcome & Introductions- High School Administration (5 minutes)

Dr.Holman\*\*- Tentative

Ann Haney- Suffolk Coalition for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Dependency=Bay Shore Brightwaters COMPASS Coalition (5 Minutes)

Judy Cummings- Purpose and organization of the evening (5 Minutes)

Ann Pacella- Safe Homes 5-8 minutes)

Three Rotations:

Little Theater- Guidance presentation- Students and parents (30 minutes)

“Real Experiences”- Parents to parent panel room: students to student panel room.(30 minutes)

Club and Activities Sign-ups/ Refreshments and Resource Tables (30 minutes)

To Do List:

- ✓ Letter & Mailing- J. Cummings
- ✓ Agenda- J. Cummings
- ✓ Web site, Our Schools, Advisory Announcements- J. Cummings
- ✓ Letter to club and activity advisors- J. Cummings
- ✓ Sign-up sheets- J. Cummings
- ✓ Student and Parent Panel- M. Garrett
- ✓ Room set-up- (Joe Hodosky & S. Leggio)-J. Cummings
- ✓ Refreshments- G. DeFonte
- ✓ Resource Tables- COMPASS Membership
- ✓ Contact L. Balsamo- Guidance Presentation

The March 26, 2010 meeting will not take place. Please make every effort to attend the March 23, 2010 Community Drug Forum!