

Holliston Youth Advisory Council

Present: Darlene Vittori-Marsell (Chair), Margaret Fitzpatrick, Jackie Winer, Holly Fischer-Engel, Lynne Rahim, Jennifer Liebermann, Kassandra Cousseillant, Tyler Dunn, Andrew Frimpong, Charlie Coughlin, Kathy Crawford Cumming, Peggy Ham Payne. Guest: Liz Greendale.

Absent: John Drohan.

Opening Remarks:

Holly made a motion to open which was seconded by Kathy. Having a motion and a second, Council members unanimously agreed to open this meeting.

Peggy made a motion to accept the March minutes which was seconded by Charlie.

Director's Report:

1. Margaret's retirement paperwork was approved faster than anticipated and she will leave the end of this week.
2. Liz Greendale explained the choices of interviewing candidates in executive session with a subcommittee vs. open meeting. Conversation moved and decision was made to form a subcommittee of no more than 5 people (no quorum) who could go through resumes for Margaret's position and put forward candidates to the board. The board will then present at least two choices to the Selectmen at their meeting on April 9th. Holly, Kathy, Darlene and (possibly) Peggy volunteered for the subcommittee.
3. Margaret stated that all of her clients except for two will follow her. Jackie will follow the two that will remain. Jackie has room to take on more clients.
4. Jackie stated that the HS drop in group on Thursdays is quiet as the art teacher is on medical leave. In an effort to increase communication about what YFS offers to the schools, Jackie has come up with a newsletter that she would like to distribute to guidance, admin and the nursing staff. It will go out pending Dr. Jackson's approval. She would also like to connect with the Beautiful Minds group to help get the word out about YFS offerings.

5. In regard to next year's budget, Fin Com would like to keep increases at 1% until they have all budgets in. They may be able to bring the increase up closer to 2% as Selectmen had wanted, depending on final numbers. It will be April or May before decisions are made.

New Business:

1. John Drohan absent for update on CAF.

2. Kassandra and Tyler haven't been able to find student replacements for next year. Peggy stated that she has two students in mind and will let board know at next meeting.

Closing Remarks: Kathy motioned to adjourn the meeting and Lynne seconded.

Next Meeting: The next YFS board meeting will be held on Monday, March 26th at the YFS office, 1750 Washington Street.

Respectfully Submitted By: Lynne Rahim