

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 16, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT:

Mike Kramer
Kathy Sasinowski

ABSENT:

Frank Blowers
Chuck Shields
Peter Keating
Bob Beedon
Paul Reiz
Debbie Bouts

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Bierbusse
Linda McLatcher

Mr. Kramer called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF APRIL 18, 2007 MINUTES

MIKE KRAMER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2007 AS PRESENTED; SUPPORT BY KATHY SASINOWKI. MOTION CARRIED.

III. RECOMMENDATION ON PROGRAM YEAR 2007 YOUTH PROGRAM PLAN

Mr. Bierbusse reported a less than 1% decrease of youth funds statewide; however, the local 2007 youth allocation has increased approximately \$170,000. Seven percent of funds will be incorporated into the administrative cost pool and approximately \$88,000 will be carried in from the previous year. Funds are divided between in-school and out-of-school participants with \$1.8 million dedicated to in-school programs and \$1.1 million to out-of-school programs.

After review, **KATHY SASINOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2007 YOUTH PROGRAM PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY MIKE KRAMER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IV. JUDGING YOUTH ESSAY COMPETITION

Last year the first youth essay competition was held with great results. Therefore, service providers were once again notified that the competition would be repeated. A certificate and cash prize to winners will be awarded as follows: first place is \$150; second place is \$100; and third place is \$50.

Students were provided guidelines specifying requirements for submission, which included length of no more than 500 words with correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar, and addressing how participation in the program has helped to achieve their educational goal.

a. In-School

There were a total of 50 essays submitted from this group. The committee reviewed six submissions by in-school participants and ranked categories according to clear and error free submissions, whether the topic was addressed and whether they identified and achieved appropriate goals. As a result, two participants tied for first place – *Michelle Bornais* from Port Huron Northern High School and *Michael Gniewek* from Fitzgerald High School – , second place was awarded to *Ashley Burton* from L'Anse Creuse High School, and *Julius Porter* from Fitzgerald High School was awarded third place.

b. Out-of-School

There were 16 essays submitted from the out-of-school group. The same criteria were used to judge the competition. As a result, *Curtis Mickens* of Mt Clemens High School received first place; *Mercedes Patterson* from Mount Clemens High School received second place; and the third place award was tied by *Leslie Morrow* and *Jennifer Kolman* from St. Clair County Community College.

Awards will be presented at the general meeting May 24th.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

VI. ADJOURNMENT

KATHY SASINOWSKI MOVED TO ADJOURN; SUPPORT BY MIKE KRAMER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 8:30 a.m., June 20, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Carne
Recording Secretary