Youth Services Committee Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2010

Staff: M. Piccerillo
Guests: M. Castrilli

C. Nash called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance at 7pm. C. Nash gave fire instructions. Committee members introduced themselves and welcomed new member Jordan Firtel.

Approval of Minutes: J. Garner made a motion to approve the October 2010 minutes, D. Cassidy seconded – passed unanimously.

Youth and Social Services Report: M. Piccerillo reported that she has been speaking to school staff at meetings regarding the survey results. M. Piccerillo was also interviewed by Superintendent G. Florio on his cable access show. He is considering using the Search Institute survey in the future. The Department was going to start a gay, lesbian, straight, transgender alliance but there is a newly formed group in the high school. Programs are full as are the clinical caseloads for all clinicians and the interns.

Fundraising Discussion: C. Nash presented an outline of the Battle of the Bands event. The committee had a discussion regarding the details of the event including ages of participants, time for pre event meeting with participants, judging criteria, awards, advertising and a snow date. C. Nash has secured the third judge- a female guitarist from a NYC hardcore band. M. Piccerillo will secure a snow date.

New Business: C. Nash stated that a Nominating Committee needs to form. J. Pinkus made a motion to form the nominating committee, J. Garner seconded – passed unanimously. D. Cassidy, L. Vendetto and B. Kalinowski volunteered to participate.

C. Nash raised the issue of enforcement of the school policy regarding underage drinking outside of school after reading articles in the Cheshire Herald last week about a recent incident. There was a lengthy discussion on the issue regarding enforcement of policies...... J.Pinkus made a motion to read the school policy on substance use in order to have an informed discussion at the next meeting. I. Packtor seconded – passed unanimously.

B. Kalinowski made a motion to approve the following meeting dates for 2011 – J. Garner – passed unanimously.

January 10
February 28
March 28
April 25
May 23
June 27
No meetings July and August
September 26
October 24
November 28
December 19

C. Nash made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm – I. Packtor seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Bogdanski Bourdon