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## Minutes 02-26-09



**February 26, 2009**  
**5:30-7:00PM**

**Present:** Andrea Razi, Susan Svencer, Christine Schultz, Natasha Thorne, Christine Sharkey, Kathy Hirsch, Leon Cantor, Sarah Lee, Robert Bongiorno, Charles Skidmore, Carlene Newell, Ellen Digby, Cindy Sheridan, Bryan Gallagher, Colleen Leger

**Attendees:** 16

### **I. Welcome:**

- Introductions: Susan Svencer (New Community Service Coordinator), Youth Council members
- Comments about last meeting

### **II. Upcoming Events:**

- Community Forum—3/19/09
- Pat Quinn Presentation—3/23/09 “Motivating Your Unmotivated Students” (4-5 teachers)
- Training—5/06/09 “Why Scare Tactics Don’t Work: Understanding Evidence-Based Strategies in Addressing Youth Risk Factors”

### **III. Updates from Working Groups:**

- **Youth Council:** Information from first meeting
- **YRBS/Community Assessment:** Parent and Faculty Pride Surveys
  - Paper survey to be distributed at Forum
  - Online survey to be announced at Forum (emailed to parents of high school and middle school students)
  - Faculty survey: professional development day?
- **Community Forum:** From Binge to Black Out Presentation
  - Press Release
  - Community Outreach
  - Forum Format
  - In-school presentations?

- **High Risk Youth:** Strengthening Families Program
  - 14 week group session for families of high-risk youth (ages 6-11)
  - Outreach for 2-day Group Leader training
  - Implementation plan: train 35 representatives from local organizations

#### **IV. Year Two Action Plan**

- Review action plan as submitted in DFC continuation grant application
- Identifying other funding streams...

#### **V. “Hot Topics”**

- Logo and tag line: additional feedback?
- Opportunity for coalition members to share with one another about current happenings in the community

#### **Adjournment**

- Next Coalition Meeting: **COMMUNITY FORUM 3/19/09**