

## **RIDGEFIELD PREVENTION COUNCIL**

**Meeting held November 18, 2008**

In attendance:

The meeting was called to order at 7:23 p.m.

### Education

The RPC is moving forward with the Student Leadership Conference to be held in March. Ty Sells has committed to attending. The initial planning meeting will be at SRMS on December 12, 2008 at 2:15 p.m. Amy Johnson, Kelly Zurzola, Lisa Perry, Terry Budlong and Maggie Merewether will attend the first meeting. Sue Dighton may also attend.

The Conference will be March 20, 2009 at ERMS, from 3-9pm. All middle school students will be invited. Registration will be necessary for planning. Diner will be served. This is a student run leadership conference with Ty training student volunteers to run the conference. He may also speak at RHS during his visis.

The Ridgefield Playhouse will once again host the “Women and Girls” series. The RPC will co-sponsor “Real Women Have Curves” on January 23, 2009; “Forever Cool” on March 26, 2009 and “Food and Mood” in May 2009.

### New Business

Family University – Sue Dighton will be the Family University Chairman and Karen Facini, Terry Budlong and Petra Wynkoop will serve on a planning committee. Tim also agreed to participate. Ty Sells may be a potential speaker.

Sue Leib will help organize and compile miscellaneous documents and information, using a flash drive or Google Docs that was put together during the planning of Family University. Sue Dighton will also help. Anne Marie Surfaro-Boehme is looking into a date for next year’s Family University.

Sue Dighton discussed holding a short program over the holiday break, while college students are home. The program would be a peer-to-peer evening leadership session to connect high school and college students who have remained drug and alcohol free. This would be held at the Boys and Girls Club. Another idea is to have a group of HS drug and alcohol free leaders help lead the peer-to-peer connection.

Sue Dighton will continue improving the RPC website.

There was discussion of the RCCASA’s Survey Results program held Monday evening. It was suggested that the program should be presented to the students who participated in the survey so they can learn from the results.

There was discussion about advertising the RPC with the Boys and Girls Club during the Holiday Stroll, but this needs to be approved by Terry Hughes.

Liz Jorgensen reported there was a good turnout for “Delay Your Gray”, approximately 65 parents.

Dylan Manderlink and Sue Dighton discussed the Governor’s Prevention Partnership conference they attended today in Cromwell, CT.

The “Celebrating Recovery” Program was discussed and the idea of having Vinnie show his documentary at RHS to the junior and senior class was presented. Dylan will look into this.

There was discussion of having Ginger Katz speak at RHS or Family University.

At the next RPC meeting, Rudy Marconi will present certificates of appreciation to Family University volunteers for their community service efforts.

The 2009 RPC meeting schedule needs to be filed with the Town Clerk’s Office. The schedule also needs to be sent to Jeanne Wolnick at the Coalition in order to reserve the room for the meetings.

Grace D’Onofrio has resigned from the Council due to other obligations. Tim Hastings has been invited to submit a letter of interest to fill this position.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

**The next RPC meeting will be held Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 7:15 p.m. in the Coalition Office, Town Annex.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Dylan Manderlink, Secretary