

Cumberland*North Yarmouth
Community Education and Recreation

Advisory Board Minutes

Meeting: February 11, 2010

Present: Dick Campbell, Chair, Heather Giandrea, Pam Russell, Richard Wolfe, Tara Hill, Dirk Van Curan, Shirley Storey-King, Bob Vail, Bill Landis and Sarah Davis, Staff

Guest: Eliza Miller, Sports Done Right Committee

Excused: Callie Chase, Mike Perfetti

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm by Chair Dick Campbell.

The minutes from the January meeting were approved with a vote.

2. Youth Sports and Sports Done Right

Dick set the context for the discussion and Eliza Miller presented a brief history and current status of Sports Done Right, a state initiative for all aspects of school sports. MSAD#51 was selected as one of the pilot sites for SDR. Subsequently, the district became a charter member of Sports Done Right. Initially the SDR committee worked to help shape athletic policies at the middle school level. Due to budget constraints, the state does not support a Sports Done Right program anymore. However, there is interest in re-energizing the principles of SDR for recreation sports programs.

The advisory board will continue to have conversations on youth sports in order to guide the recreation program and youth sports in the community.

Heather introduced a new youth sports initiative called “Stepping Up.” This is a program to help set national standards for youth sports and coaching.

Further discussion included:

- Concern over elite sports pulling kids away from community teams
- Interest in more intramural activity for kids not on varsity teams
- Educating parents on the need for healthy balance of activity
- Training of coaches
- Economic challenges to community recreation

3. Search for a Recreation Director

Dick reported on the meeting with Bill Shane and Nadeen Daniels regarding the search process for the new Recreation Director. The search committee will be John Stroud, Heather Giandrea, Dick Campbell and HR Director, Nadeen Daniels.

After the Director position is filled, there will be a search for the full-time Recreation programmer position. The Advisory Board was asked to give input into the job description for the Recreation Director position and qualities desired for the Director. This included professional experience with youth and adult programs, a positive attitude, knowledge of health and wellness initiatives, and a business plan to develop new sources of revenue.

Note: The discussion on Memorial Day events was tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.