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MINUTES OF THE FAMILIES AGAINST DRUGS (F.A.D.) AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 22, 2017
Forestdale School

In attendance:

Ms. Cathy Bordonaro (Chair)

Mr. Jerry Leone

Mr. Drummey

Meeting began at 6:08pm at the Forestdale School.

Ms. Bordonaro introduced people around the room and discussed why FAD was created. Ms. Bordonaro explained that parents and students do not feel comfortable discussing the topic of drugs. Ms. Bordonaro briefly explained the symbol of FAD (tree) that was designed by her sister indicating that the symbol signifies strong roots of a family. Ms. Bordonaro discusses and hands out worksheets broken into 3 age groups: Pre K-Grade 2; Grade 3-5; Grade 6-8.

Some people in attendance discussed common household items that could be dangerous to young children such as sprays, key board spray cleaners, model glue etc.

Forestdale Assistant Principal Carpenito, discussed how she communicates the topic of drugs to students, parents and her own child.

Members in attendance discussed their own personal stories either about their children or themselves.

Ms. Bordonaro advocated that it may help if parents are role-playing with their children.

Mr. Leone explained to people in attendance that he is a member of the Budget Subcommittee and that funding for health programs would be discussed during budget meetings and expressed that this is a priority.

Mr. Leone also explained that Mystic Valley Charter School has a program in which each grade for 30 minutes every day has a program called Character Development Day and they discuss a different topic each day such as drugs, bullying etc.

Ms. Bordonaro announced that the next FAD meeting would be late April at the Beebe school, more info to follow visiting the city website.

Meeting ended at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Jerry Leone