

**BOUND BROOK/SOUTH BOUND BROOK
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE/YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION
No Child Left Behind: Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Community Act**

March 26, 2009

In attendance were: Janeen Kinney, Joyce Smith, Lt. Prudente, Janelle Miles, Ronald Rae, Vinnie Petti, Cindy Britt, Eric Harris, Ed Gordon, Dennis Donahue and Maria Strada.

Janelle made a motion to approve Minutes from the February 2009 meeting. Vinnie seconded the motion.

There was no new news for the Alliance Report with the exception that quarterly reports are due today.

Cindy Britt provided the County Youth Services Commission report. She informed everyone that next month is Child Abuse Prevention Month and she distributed materials on how to involve your community. She announced an upcoming Conflict Resolution workshop sponsored by Community Connections which will be held on April 17, 2009. There is another workshop scheduled on May 15, 2009 and will address the topic of the Dangers of Prescription Drugs. Grant applications have been sent out and are due 5/22/09 for both the Annual and Competitive grants. The \$10,000 that the BB/SBB commission receives is used for Girls on the Run, Character Education, Middle Earth BB/SBB Community Youth Center and the Family and Community Services Hispanic Support group which helps youth with acculturation issues.

A character education program is scheduled on April 16th with Principal Kafele. He will be spending the day with the students at Smalley School and will then offer a presentation at night to parents and families. Dinner will be provided afterwards so RSVP's are needed. Peer Leadership will provide babysitting and anyone can come. Cindy will forward this information to other commissions.

Ideas for the competitive grant should be discussed together and the group can decide which grant to submit. The grant package has a little different format so pay attention to any changes. The grant is due 5/22/09.

Janeen informed everyone that Sascha is no longer the juvenile officer and that Jan Babula will be taking his place.

Lt. Prudente reported that things have been relatively quiet in SBB. April 7, 2009 is the DARE graduation. He asked if funds could be used for the graduation party. This is allowable but receipts must be provided.

Eric Harris reported that they are finishing up the Hispanic Support Group in the Middle School.

Maria Strada reported that the 21st CCLC after-school program formally began accepting 5th graders into the program and there is currently a waiting list. She also announced that 2 male staff were trained to run Boys Council groups and one was started in the BB Center.

Joyce shared information about the NJ Family Care insurance program. She also brought a guest to the meeting. Rev. Ronald Rae from the St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal church came to the meeting to talk about an event that is being sponsored by the United Negro College Fund and will be held on 5/2/09 from 10 – 3pm. The event is to help students find colleges and financial aid. The focus is to encourage youth to pursue college and to let them know that there is a lot of money available. People from Princeton will be there to recruit as well. The event is open to all students and parents. Students in the 7th and 8th grades are encouraged to attend. The church is located at 135 Warren St. in SBB. Rev. Rae also told the group that BBHS is honoring students who graduated from BBHS on 5/3/09.

Janelle had nothing to report on Project Graduation.

Janeen reported that the Senior Citizen picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, 6/3/09. REBEL students participated in Kick Butts Day by picking up cigarette butts from the Middle School and High School grounds. She also announced that the Middle School is trying to re-form the PTO and the first meeting is tentatively scheduled for 3/31/09.

Mr. Donahue reported that Girls on the Run will begin soon and they have people to participate in it.

Janeen reminded everyone that Alliance quarterly reports are due.

A motion was made by Lt. Prudente to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled on 4/23/09 at 3:30.