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SRSLY Coalition Meeting

Thursday, October 14, 2010, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Minutes

I. **Welcome, Introductions**

We welcomed new members, introduced ourselves with our name, grade and favorite cartoon character, and reviewed the agenda.

II. **Announcements**

Reiley announced a new project with North Creek elementary school, and Jerzy Drozd, the artist in residence at the library and CCA. Jerzy is helping us create a coloring book with super heroes, including CPTN SRSLY. Karen announced there will be a comic workshop at the library with Jerzy on Sunday, November 7th from 2:00 – 3:30 pm for 8 to 14-year-olds. Registration is required through the library website.

III. **CTZN of the Month & Kudos**

- **Chelsea Chief of Police, Ed Toth** is one of our CTZNs of the Month for September. Chief Toth is a member of the SRSLY Adult Steering Committee, and has been involved with the coalition since its inception. In addition to leading the Chelsea Police Department and consistently enforcing laws against youth drug and alcohol possession and use, Chief Toth and his officers also support SRSLY activities throughout the year. In September, he and two officers participated in Project Sticker Shock.
- **Cindy Rhodes**, School Psychologist at Chelsea High School is our other CTZN of the Month for September. Mrs. Rhodes is also a member of the Adult Steering Committee, and has been involved in planning and leading for the coalition since before it was known as SRSLY. Mrs. Rhodes works with students and parents in her role at the high school, and helps recruit youth and adult participants for SRSLY events and activities. For the fifth time, she helped get high school volunteers to Project Sticker Shock through her role as Link Crew advisor at the hospital.
- **Kudos** – Kudos to all of our September volunteers (over 50!) who helped at the kickoff rally, the Youth-Only meeting, and Project Sticker Shock! Thanks for making the start to the new school year SRSLY great!

- ### IV. **Youth-Only Meeting Debrief** – Discussed the third annual youth-only meeting, including what went well and what could be improved. Evaluations completed by participants were distributed for people to review. Most kids said the meeting was fun, and they plan to attend more SRSLY events for that reason. Highlights included: Mr. Knight taking a pie and slushie, games, Ride that Pony, small group

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discussions broken down by age, and lots of good ideas. Next year we can improve the sign-in process to make that go quicker. We should also have music, and we should consider breaking up groups of friends, so people meet more people, and branch out.

- V. **Halloween Party** – The idea with the most votes at the SRSLY Youth-Only meeting was a SRSLY Halloween Party. Since Halloween is only two weeks away, we discussed two ideas for fun things that wouldn't take too much planning on our part:
- **Manchester** – The Manchester Voices coalition is throwing a party for teens/tweens and adults on Saturday, October 30th, from 5:00 – 9:00 pm or 6:00 – 10:00 pm (Erin will confirm). They are open to SRSLY members attending their party, and then we could invite them to our New Year's or St. Patrick's Day party. Erin explained the food, games and raffle they have planned, including a DJ. Members liked this idea. Erin will get details to Reiley to email out to the coalition.
 - **Kiwanis Club** – We discussed participating in the Kiwanis Club Halloween party again this year as costume contest judges, and possibly extending the party by an hour, and opening it up to older kids. Reiley will follow-up with the Kiwanis Club

Also discussed ideas for a bigger party in Chelsea next year, with more advanced planning, including a haunted house.

- VI. **Red Ribbon Week** – Red Ribbon Week is October 25 – 29th. We will do our "What's Your Anti-Drug?" Media Contest for 3rd through 12th grade students this year. Changes include two new categories of media entries: line drawings for a coloring book, and slogans for a t-shirt or bumper sticker. Group also discussed ways to get adults involved, either through facebook or email. Sara will ask CVS to put "What's Your Anti-Drug" on their light up sign during Red Ribbon Week.
- VII. **New Members Breakout** – Youth Steering Committee members lead a breakout for new SRSLY members, to go over a brief history of the coalitions, how we run meetings, and a quick overview of projects. After their discussion, they joined other breakouts for the remainder.

Upcoming Events

- **Red Ribbon Week Anti-Drug Media Contest** – October 25 – 29
- **SRSLY Halloween Party?** Details to be determined
- **November Coalition Meeting** – Thursday, November 4, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, WSEC Cafeteria
- **SRSLY Friday** – November 12, Wear your SRSLY shirt!

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