

## **Health & Safety Committee**

### **Year- end Report, 2010-2011**

**May 3, 2011**

The Health & Safety Committee met 7 times this year, on the third Thursday of every month except for April when it met on the fourth Thursday and January, when there were only 2 people available to meet.

Members included Don Ayers, Deb Dumond, Gerrie Delaney, Nancy Phythyon, Annette Tanguay, student Bryan Carpenter and Chair Maria Niswonger. Deb Dumond resigned in March and was replaced by Erin Haye. Don Ayers retired in March and was replaced by Dana Petersen.

The YCCC smoking policy was discussed at all meetings. The Health & Safety Committee voted on September 16, 2010 for YCCC to be a tobacco-free campus. Chair Maria Niswonger presented this information at the College Council meeting on 10/5/10. Council voted to recommend to the Administration that the YCCC campus become tobacco-free by fall, 2011. The administration found that enforcing a non-smoking campus policy in a rural area is virtually impossible to enforce. Therefore, the administration is seeking an economical location for placement of a smoking hut. When this report was written, a suitable location had not been identified. It should be noted that smokers continue to smoke at all entrances, often within 20 feet of doors and windows.

The committee voted unanimously on October 21, 2010 that YCCC should provide a lactation room, consistent with state law, that should be "a clean room, other than a bathroom" ...for the purpose of expressing breast milk for 3 years after the birth of a baby. Locations were suggested. The administration is considering possible locations.

The committee voted unanimously on February 17, 2011 that YCCC should develop electronic training programs to make sure that employees, students and visitors (if appropriate) regularly receive appropriate safety training. Committee members are approaching various administrators to lobby for such a program.

The committee discussed wellness issues this year, including smoking cessation and colorectal cancer screening. Ellen Harford wrote several "Choose to be Healthy" grants for funds from the York Hospital Community Health Promotion for colorectal cancer screening program in April 2011 and smoking cessation classes in May 2011.

Annette Tanguay published a safety tip on Slips, Trips and Falls in the spring 2011 issue of the YCCC Voice with the approval of the committee.

The Health & Safety Committee bylaws were revised in Section 1 on membership to clarify how committee members are identified. The finalized bylaws are being submitted to College Council on May 3, 2011.