First Selectman’s Youth Commission Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2019

In attendance: Grace Thompson, Nikhil Jaiswal, Bennett Hawley, Mark Chen, Lauren Hartevedlt, Harry Kilberg, Andrea Jemiolo, Katherine Santoro, Scott Gibbons, Charlie Ciporin, Olivia Schnur, Gigi Jervis, Collin Speaker, Stephanie Browder, and Izzy Kalb

Absent: Tommy Kimberlin, Mackenna Goeller, Jamaya Lagout, Jamaya Lagout, Samuel Arkongold, and Emma Kate Smith.

Meeting Call to Order:
By: Grace Thompson
Time: 7:20 pm

Old Business - Updates

Mental Health Subcommittee Update: Mark
- GA and Brunswick have mental health related assemblies, not affiliated with the FSYC
- Darby Fox, psychologist who spoke at Brunswick, shared she would participate in other mental health presentations
- Mark has decided to not send out the mental health surveys do to issues with the questions

Suggestion box update
- No new suggestions

Diversity Conference Update
- Very positively reviewed: majority of surveys sent to attendees rated 10/10
- Will be passed on to another committee member
- Greenwich Student Diversity Conference 2020 Subcommittee, Chair: Nikhil Jaiwal, Executive Board, Brunswick
  - Izzy Kalb, Executive Board, Greenwich Academy
  - Collin Speaker, Delegate Greenwich High School
  - Mark Chen, Delegate Greenwich High School
  - Olivia, Delegate Greenwich High School
  - Lauren Hartevedlt, Delegate Greenwich Academy
- T-Shirt Design: Lauren Hartveldt
  - Proposes a design

New Business - Future Meeting Times

Drug Prevention Assembly Project Proposal
- Linked: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tZtiXog5FWY7ACT4e_txEYvHnjjK5Yjb/view?usp=sharing
  - Proposes a presentation from an authority on vaping that would be in an open space and open to the public
  - Targeted towards parents who could bring children
  - Lauren will also reach out to Darby Fox
- Board discussion on the issue focused on how presentations must reach younger kids
  - Vaping is a widening problem
  - Educating older kids on how to confront younger kids/siblings who vape when they witness it
- Recreation of Subcommittee on Drug Prevention, Head: Lauren Hartveldt, Delegate Greenwich Academy
  - Bennett Hawley: Executive Board, Greenwich High School
  - Nikhil Jaiswal: Executive Board, Brunswick
  - Harry Kilberg: Delegate, Brunswick
  - Mark Chen: Delegate Greenwich High School
  - Emma Kate Smith: Delegate, Sacred Heart Greenwich

FSYC Scholarship Program: Izzy Kalb (originator)
- If the board could fundraise:
  - Shirt Sales
  - Sponsored Matches
- Izzy will create a formal project proposal
- Bennet: is it the place of the FSYC to give out college scholarships?
  - Money could be allocated to other proposals
• Should people who haven’t gone to college be judging who can pay for college
• Izzy: Money fundraised specifically for this project would go specifically to this project
• Could be called a prize instead of a scholarship as to not interfere with applicants’ other aid packages.
• Possible outreach and communication with the Greenwich Scholarship Association

New GHS Delegate
• Collin Speaker, GHS
  • Favorite: Blue
  • Why did he come: wants to help his community

Delegate Reports: Important updates from School Communities:
• Brunswick Delegates
  • none
• Convent of the Sacred Heart Delegates
  • none
• Greenwich Academy Delegates
  • none
• Greenwich High School Delegates
  • none
• Executive Committee and guests
  • Kids in Crisis’s Teen Talk, Tara Joge, visited the board, she will serve as a resource for the Mental Health and Drug Prevention Projects
  • Danielle: Application is live, anticipate guests
  • Danielle: Diversity Essay Contest, delegates please send links to Diversity personnel at school

Adjourn Meeting: Scott Gibbons
• Motion: Olivia Schur
  • Seconded: Harry Kilberg
Meeting Adjourned: 8:22pm

Next Meeting/Work Session:
Tuesday, February 26 Work Session
Tuesday, March 5 Full Board Meeting (1 week early, b/c of independent school Spring recess)