First Selectman’s Youth Commission Meeting Minutes
January 8th, 2019

In attendance: Grace Thompson, Scott Gibbons, Charlie Ciporin, Bennett Hawley, Mark Chen, Katherine Santoro, Olivia Schnur, Stephanie Browder, Emma Kate Smith, Izzy Kalb, Nikhil Jaiswal, Samuel Arkongold, and Tommy Kimberlin.


Old Business - Updates

- **Approval of Minutes** (November 12, 2018)
  - Motion to Vote: Scott Gibbons
  - Seconded: Charlie Ciporin
  - *Approved: 14 / Denied: 0 / Tabled: 0*
- **Executive committee encourages delegates to submit project proposals**
  - General message to the board
- **New FSYC Application and Selection process: Executive Committee**
  - Introduced to the board
  - Board decides to roll out the new application
  - Discussion of the selection process
    - Interviews and application review
      - Seniors to review applicants
      - Interviews
        - To be conducted during work sessions
        - 1:1 interviews with seniors and applicants
  - Motion to Vote on the application and selection process: Scott Gibbons
  - Seconded: Charlie Ciporin
  - *Approved: 14 / Denied: 0 / Tabled:
- **Review of Online Suggestion Box:** Izzy Kalb
  - No updates
  - **Proposal to re-publicize the suggestion box via email**
    - Scott Gibbons brings up the idea outreach messages should be different for each school
    - Executive commission will work on outreach methods
  - Bennett propose that board reaches out to those who have already used the suggestion box
  - Grace Thompson proposes a newsletter
  - **Board discusses the suggestion left by students from GHS concerning the creation of a teen center**
    - Delegate from GHS discussed the issue with the teacher in charge of the students who proposed the teen centers.
      - Teacher wished that the Board had contacted the students
    - The board acknowledges that the students never left contact information
    - Additionally, suggestions concerning teen spaces centered around a want to party without security, a suggestion that was deemed inappropriate for the youth commission to act on.
- **Diversity Conference Update:** Charlie Ciporin
  - General outline of the diversity conference
    - Facilitators need for the mixed race and middle eastern affinity groups
      - Mark Chen has a recommendation for a middle eastern facilitator
      - Olivia Schnur volunteers to be the mixed race facilitator if another cannot be found.
    - There will be one last meeting of the organizing group to finalize the facilitator training which will be on a date to be decided
  - Posters and announcements will be made
- **Discussion of the Youth Survey Data:** Nikhil Jaiswal
  - Mainly focused on drug use and mental health
  - Presentation said that drug use across different types was up
  - Another piece of information was that parents have a large impact on teen drug use
• Need in the community for parents to communicate with their kids
  • Proposal for a presentation for parents
    • Similar to the Chasing the Dragon movie but less serious and more targeted to kids
  • Drug Prevention subcommittee will work on a presentation
• **Attendance Policy**
  • Discussion will be moved to next meeting
• **FSYC Shirts**
  • Discussion moved to next meeting
• **Observatory Subcommittee: Tommy Kimberlin**
  • Tommy will communicate with the astronomical society
  • Danielle has really helped get communication from the town risk manager
  • Working on a getting written statement from the risk manager concerning the fact that there are no time restrictions
• **Mental Health Subcommittee: Mark Chen**
  • Has created a mental health survey in order gather information
    • Survey has already been approved
  • Subcommittee will not be formed
  • Methods for how the survey will be distributed TBD
• **Alma Rutgers Defining Diversity Writing Contest: Danielle Jean-Guillaume Sittol**
  • Would like delegates to share the contest with schools
• **Additional news**
  • Kids In Crisis would like the board to invite a Teen Talk Counselor to a meeting to discuss mental health

**Adjourn Meeting:**
• **Motion: Charlie Ciporin**
  • **Seconded: Tommy Kimberlin**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:21pm

**Next Work Session:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019
**Full board meeting:** Tuesday, February 11, 2019