First Selectman’s Youth Commission Minutes
Tuesday, February 2, 2021
6:45-7:00pm, 8:00-8:15pm Executive Session
7:00-8:00pm Full Board

Zoom: https://greenwichct.zoom.us/j/99186411320?pwd=RDlVNFFYQ0xNNDg5bGdsR1VWSU5ldz09

In attendance: Mark Chen, Olivia Schnur, Peter Kapp, Lauren Harteveldt, Emma Kate Smith, Prathit Kurup, Colin Speaker, Hadley Rosenberg, Wyatt Radzin, Divya Shenoy, Lance Bernstein, Eva Andersen, James O’Malley, Campbell Officer, Tomas Jasson, Noor Rekhi, Sanah Rekhi, Natalie Cook, Mary O’Connor, Karina Sethi, Lily Santangelo, Mary Hawthorn-Kanos, John Breitfelder, Georgia Mann, Skyler Safriet, Tyler Wilson, Whitney Sprung

Absent: Asher Benn, Jonny Citron

Meeting Call to Order:
By: Olivia Schnur, Time: 7:01pm

Welcome/Announcements:

Approval of Minutes from December 2020 and January 2021
- Motion: Olivia Schnur
- Seconded: Peter Kapp
  Vote: For: Unanimous/Against: 0/Abstain: 0

Old Business: Project Updates

Diversity Conference, 02/06/2021, 9am to 2pm
- Everyone will promote the event over the next few days to ensure maximum attendance

Substance Misuse Project, 02/20/2021, 2pm
- All facilitators are set and ready for the event
- Board members encouraged to promote the event

Newsletter
- Newsletter is complete, not on template created last summer
- Includes letters from chairs and comments from many members

Lawn signs
- Discussion about developing a pre-order form
- More families have been promising to buy the signs for $30-40

Middle School Science Fair
- Logo has been made and flyers are being put up soon
- Brunswick and public schools have committed to this project

Commissioner/School Reports

Brunswick
- No Report

Greenwich Academy
- No Report

Greenwich Country Day School
- No Report

Greenwich High School
- No Report

Sacred Heart:
- No Report

Hackley
- No Report
Community Outreach, Collaboration Opportunities, Youth Commission Guests

- No Report

Project Proposals

Youth Art Contest Promoting Social Justice/Activism, Eva A.
- Promoted through the schools
- Vote: Motion: Olivia Schnur, Second: Peter Kapp
  - Vote: For: Unanimous/Against: 0/Abstain: 0

Writing Contest: What are people looking forward to in the upcoming year? Sanah R.
- Creating a positive environment, great time to reflection
- Competition
- Gift cards as prizes
- Possible connection with Youth Services Bureau Diversity contest?
- Vote: Motion: Peter Kapp, Second: James O’Malley
  - Vote: For: 26/Against: 0/Abstain: 1

Financial Education, Mandatory Course, Skyler S.
- Ensure graduating students know about the world of finance
- Plan: Talk to teachers who would be willing to teach this semester course
  - Skyler has resources to talk to for now and will expand this list
- Talking to GHS and Windrose in order to start project
- Project tabled until next full board

Meatless Mondays in Greenwich schools, Mary O.
- Goals to reduce environmental impact of meat industry
- Focus on independent schools, publics schools are bound to state programs
  - Vote: For: 25/Against: 0/Abstain: 2

New Business - Future Meeting Times

Adjourn Meeting:
- Motion: Peter Kapp, Seconded: Lauren Harteveldt
  - Vote: For: Unanimous/Against: 0/Abstain: 0

Meeting Adjourned: 8:02pm

Next Work Session: 02/16/2021
Next Full Board Meeting: 03/02/2021