

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

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

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

Meeting Call to Order:

By: Grace Thompson

Time: 7:20pm

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 that she would participate in other mental health presentations
- Mark has decided not to send out mental health surveys, he will add more focused questions

Suggestion box update

- No new suggestions

Diversity Conference Update

- Very positively reviewed: majority of attendees rated the event 10/10
- Project will be passed on to another committee member, this will be an annual event sponsored by the FSYC
- Greenwich Student Diversity Conference 2020 Subcommittee, Chair: Nikhil Jaiswal, Executive Board, Brunswick
 - Izzy Kalb, Executive Board, Greenwich Academy
 - Colin Speaker, Delegate, Greenwich High School
 - Mark Chen, Delegate, Greenwich High School
 - Olivia Schnur, Delegate, Greenwich High School
 - Lauren Harteveldt, Delegate, Greenwich Academy
- **T-Shirt Design:** Lauren Harteveldt
 - Proposed a design

New Business - Future Meeting Times

Drug Prevention Assembly Project Proposal

- Linked: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tZtiXog5FWY7ACT4e_txEYvHnjK5Yjb/view?usp=sharing
 - Proposes a presentation from an authority on vaping, 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
- Re-creation of subcommittee on Drug Prevention, Head: Lauren Harteveldt, 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)

- Is the youth commission allowed to 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 will be raised specifically for this project, this will be an annual effort
- Could be called a prize instead of a scholarship as to not interfere with applicants' other aid packages.
- Outreach and communication with the Greenwich Scholarship Association

New GHS Delegate

- Colin Speaker, GHS
 - Favorite: Blue
 - Why did he come? He 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 Teen Talk Counselor Tara Jogee, visited the board, she will serve as a resource for the Mental Health and Drug Prevention Projects
 - Danielle: Application is live, anticipate guests at board meetings
 - Danielle: Diversity Essay Contest, delegates please send email addresses of Diversity Directors at your schools

Adjourn Meeting: Scott Gibbons

- **Motion:** Olivia Schnur
 - **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)