



First Selectman's Youth Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

In attendance: Charlie Ciporin, Grace Thompson, Scott Gibbons, Izzy Kalb, Nikhil Jaiswal, Bennett Hawley, Mark Chen, Jamyva Lagout, Jamaya Lagout, Lauren Harteveltdt, Harry Kilberg, Katherine Santoro, Colin Speaker, Olivia Schnur, Samuel Arkongold, Andrea Jemiolo, and Emma Kate Smith.

Absent: Gigi Jervis, Stephanie Browder, Mackenna Goeller, and Tommy Kimberlin

Meeting Call to Order:

By: Charlie Ciporin

Time: 7:15

Announcements

- Charlie Ciporin addressed FSYC applicants, described the application process and structure of the board

Old Business - Updates

Approval of Minutes

- Motion: Izzy Kalb
 - Seconded: Harry Kilberg
 - **For: 15**, Against: 0, Abstain: 0

Week of the Young Child: Izzy Kalb

- Talked about lack of public preschools and the importance of preschool education
- The Week of the Young Child: volunteers will go to Family Centers' preschools—which offers affordable preschool education--and engage kids in activities

Vaping Presentation: Lauren Harteveltdt

- Greenwich Together (formally, Prevention Council) has asked the board for support in creating a video presentation informing adults about vaping
 - Follows precedent set by the anti-vaping video screened at GHS
 - The video would be used to start a community conversation around vaping, will lay the ground for the fall presentation
- The Youth Commission presentation is still underway
 - Speakers are being selected and scheduling is being done
 - Goal date: around September 2019
 - Location is TBD

Mental Health Project: Mark Chen

- Currently meeting with Dr. Termini (Dean of Students at GHS) about the mental health survey to make sure it does not conflict with the upcoming wellness centers at GHS

FSYC-Greenwich Scholarship Association Scholarship: Olivia Schnur

- Initial fundraising goal has already been met with the money collected from the Brunswick fundraiser
 - Efforts focused on collecting more money to increase the amount of money for the scholarship and general FSYC efforts

- Motion: Scott Gibbons
- Motion to allow Brunswick School to send the funds raised at the Brunswick free dress day fundraiser to the FSYC general fund
 - Seconded: Grace Thompson
 - **For: 16, Against: 0, Abstain: 1**

(Note: some members arrived late so the vote totals for this vote are different than previous vote)

Diversity Conference: Nikhil Jaiswal

- Subcommittee met previously to discuss the planning of the 2020 diversity conference (2nd annual Greenwich Student Diversity Leadership Conference)
- Charlie Ciporin describe the diversity conference, discussed the idea of a no show fee

Abilis – Summer Engagement: Olivia Schur

- What would the Commission's commitment and role be?
- Suggest supplies drive to support Abilis

Suggestion Box Updates: Izzy Kalb

- Public suggestions: 2
 - Composting and ban on plastic bags?
 - Whatever happened to the rebranding of Greenwich? Last year, there was a campaign about rebranding Greenwich
 - Both suggestions came without contact information

Application Process

- Interview date may be pushed back

Delegate Reports: Important updates from School Communities:

Brunswick Delegates

- Nikhil Jaiswal: Promoting Safe Rides

Sacred Heart Greenwich Delegates

- None

Greenwich Academy Delegates

- None

Greenwich High School Delegates

- Mark Chen: Currently having Unity Week
 - Meant to raise awareness about school violence in the hope to unit and better the community, events are focused on “spreading kindness”

Executive Committee and guests

- Danielle: CODA drive at GHS for old clothes and fabrics

New Business - Future Meeting Times

Adjourn Meeting: 8:12

- **Motion:** Izzy Kalb
 - **Seconded:** Nikhil Jaiswal
 - **For: 17, Against: 0 Abstain: 0**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:13pm

Next Work Session: April 23rd, 2019

Next Full Board Meeting: May 14th, 2019

