



First Selectman's Youth Commission Minutes

Tuesday, April 13, 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=RDIVNFFYQ0xNNDg5bGdsR1VWSU5ldz09>

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 **Time:** 7:03pm

Welcome/Announcements:

Approval of Minutes from December 2020 and January 2021

- Motion: Mark Chen
- Seconded: Lauren Harteveldt

Vote: For: Unanimous/**Against:** 0/**Abstain:** 0

Old Business: Updates

Application Process

- Will begin in the coming weeks
- Dates to be determined
 - Should the process begin over the summer?
 - Should we begin during the school year?
 - Applications will likely be available before the end of the school year and interviews will take place over the summer

Project Reports

Middle School Mentors, J. Breitfelder

- Volunteers support middle school students for a half hour
 - Commissioners are welcome to be a mentor
 - Subcommittee members would help match up students with mentors, an administrative role

Middle School Science Fair, P. Kurup & P. Kapp

- 19 projects and 38 students registered, more anticipated

Random Hacks of Kindness, W. Sprung

- A fair number of mentors and students participated
- Difficult to promote in middle schools

Art Through Activism, E. Andersen

- Attempts to encourage more middle school participation

Meatless Mondays

- Project will be moved to next academic year, so private schools can plan
 - Sacred Heart has begun implementing Meatless Mondays

Movie Night, C. Officer

- Event moved to August 2021 due to COVID restrictions and licensing agreements

Greenwich Youth Lacrosse Clean Up

- Will be coming up soon as the end of the year approaches

Lawn Signs

- Google Form is being sent out and 15 have been in so far
- Miller Motorcars, Mercedes of Greenwich, and First Bank of Greenwich are sponsoring.
- Planning distribution at schools and on sale day

Project Proposals

DIVE Project, L. Harteveltdt

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZM3i7O0uadWK7hHg9D2DI8WfSEJ2rAcG0hnexGifMII/edit>
- Commissioners will be both reviewing the project and creating curriculum
 - Motion: Mark Chen, Seconded: Lauren Harteveltdt
 - **Vote: For: Unanimous/Against: 0/Abstain:**

Financial Literacy Program at Summer Program, S. Safriet

- Will teach younger students the basics of budgeting and finance
- Motion to open debate: M. Chen, Seconded: P. Kurup
- Potential partnership with GYCP
 - **Vote: For: Unanimous/Against: 0/Abstain:**

Commissioner/School Reports

Brunswick

- Recent virtual paly

Greenwich Academy:

- No recent updates

Greenwich Country Day School

- Abilis fundraiser

Greenwich High School

- No report

Sacred Heart

- School embracing the theme of sustainability the month
- Meatless Mondays began April 13, 2021

Hackley

- Vaccines are being administered to many upperclassmen

Community Outreach, Collaboration Opportunities, Youth Commission Guests

FSYC Newsletter

- Gathering responses from each project- the second edition will be out soon

FSYC Instagram

- New follower base and increase in posts
- Will be used to encourage vaccination and safety
- May introduce a "day in the life" kind of program for the Instagram account
- Can be used to promote the Defining Diversity Contest

New Business - Future Meeting Times

Adjourn Meeting:

- Motion: Mark Chen, Seconded: Lauren Harteveltdt
 - **Vote: For: Unanimous/Against: 0/Abstain: 0**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:02pm

Next Work Session: 04/27/2021

Next Full Board Meeting: 05/11/2021