First Selectman’s Youth Commission Minutes

Tuesday, October 6, 2020
6:45 - 7:00pm, 8:00-8:15pm Executive Session
7:00 - 8:00pm Full Board

In attendance: Peter Kapp, Emma Kate Smith, Eva Andersen, Georgia Mann, Olivia Schnur, Prathit Kurup, Skyler Safriet, Sanah Rekhi, James O’Malley, Karina Sethi, Lauren Hartevedt, Mark Chen, Lance Bernstein, Natalie Cook, Tomas Jasson, Campbell Officer, Colin Speaker, Hadley Rosenberg, Asher Benn, Lily Santangelo, Sumner Hill, Sam Weiner, John Breitfelder, Johnny Citron, Divya Shenoy, Mary Hawthorn, Noor Rekhi

Absent: Isabelle Harper, Mary O’Connor, Wyatt Radzin, Steven Blank,

Call to Order:
  By: Mark Chen
  Time: 7:06pm

Welcome/Announcements

Approval of Minutes
  • Motion: Peter Kapp
  • Seconded: Olivia Schnur
  Vote: For: Unanimous/Against: 0/Abstain: 0

Old Business: Updates

Vaping Presentation (LH)
  • Only parents may attend
    o Parents from each of the schools have been informed, 150 parents have signed up

Diversity Conference (LH) updates
  • Vaping project almost complete, diversity conference can now be the focus
  • Lots of work to do before the conference (2/6/21)
  • Subcommittee will be emailed, smaller meeting to get to work

FSYC Fundraising
  • Brunswick
    o Free dress day
    o Rubber bracelets
    o T-shirts?
    o Phone wallets
    o Potentially Mary’s street signs

Saferides
  • App is almost certainly complete
    o TAG still has to be closed, hopefully will open soon, App would be useful

FSYC Newsletter
  • Noor will begin working on it

FSYC Instagram
  • Jonny is increasing FSYC Instagram presence

Middle School Science Fair
  • Prathit and Peter will begin working on exactly what that looks like

Subcommittee Updates

Commissioner/School Reports

Brunswick
  • Alzheimer’s Awareness, raised $1200 made @Campbell
Greenwich Academy
- GA is still in person and has 0 covid cases
- Political discussion
  - Voter registration: everyone who can vote is registered

Greenwich Country Day School
- Positive COVID-19 cases: 2 or 3 students
- School will offer online classes for students, not much talk of shutting down
- Sam Weiner was elected by the student body

Greenwich High School
- Intense rules for clubs
  - Only online meetings
  - Starting to move forward anyway
- Sacred Heart:
  - No COVID-19 cases
    - No constant testing, but so far everyone is negative

Hackley
- No positive COVID-19 cases
  - 4 - 5 weeks online in the winter due to potential travel

Project Proposals

Prathit’s Tutoring Program
- Motion to open debate: Peter Kapp
  - Second: Prathit Kurup
- Teachers will refer the students to the club in order to ensure people who need the help get it
  - Club will start up soon at GHS and other schools

Jimmy O’Malley’s Project Proposal
- Motion to open debate: Olivia
  - Seconded: Peter
- Program for both parents and students to realize the risks and a forum to ask about drugs and substance abuse
  - One-time get-together but there are also clubs that serve a similar purpose
- Subcommittee:
  - Brunswick: Peter Kapp and Asher Benn
  - Greenwich Academy: Lauren, Noor, Sanah, Sumner
  - GHS: Mark Chen, Olivia Schnur, Eva Andersen, Divya Shenoy
  - GCDS: John Breitfelder
  - Hackley: Skyler Safriet
  - CSH: Lily Santangelo, Karina Sethi

Community Outreach, Collaboration Opportunities, Youth Commission Guests

New Business - Future Meeting Times
Greenwich Together, Youth Training: October 20

Next Meeting/Work Session:
Tuesday, moved November 10th
September 22, 2020, Work Session
Tuesday, October 6, 2020, Full Board Meeting

Adjourn Meeting:
- Motion: Mark Chen
- Seconded: Lauren Harteveldt
  - Vote: For: Unanimous/Against: 0/Abstain: 0

Meeting Adjourned: 7:58pm