

Tuesday, May 28, 2024
Mayor's Youth Council Meeting 6:00 PM in Town Hall Room 400



1. Meeting Opening

- a. Chair Sarah Granquist called the Mayor's Youth Council to order at 6:15PM. Present were Council members Daphne Brewer, Ava DellaFera, Francesca Giordano, Sarah Granquist, Oliver Hartmann, Joseph Landino, Kikoh Mordukai, Charlotte Mullin, Alexis Nguyen, Moh Palanki, Evan Piccioli, Grace Piccioli, Abby Sanderson, Priya Shinde, Priya Sinha, Caeli Sullivan, and Catherine Zehr.
- b. Also present: Carol Waxman and Gretchen Levitz.

Absent: Kushal Gauli, Adam Gold, Isabelle Mulready, Ailani Roach, Sudra Singh, and Liam Wright.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes of the April 16th meeting were approved.

3. School Reports

a. Conard is preparing for finals. There was a jazz band concert and pep rally featuring the new school mascot. Boys Volleyball is having a good season and Girls' LaCrosse recently won.

b. Hall just hosted Senior Prom, an art show, and an award ceremony. Hall students Sarah Grandquist, Madeline Valentin and Julie Levy are planning a "You NarCAN Save Lives" naloxone training for teens on Thursday 5/30 at 3PM at the Noah Webster Library. Participants will get vouchers for free Kilwin's ice cream. This is a PHACTT campaign with the Prevention Council.

c. Kingswood Oxford is starting finals. Graduation is Friday 5/31 and school ends Monday 6/3.

4. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Holiday Giving
 - i. The MYC Spikeball Tournament was canceled due to the hecticness of AP exams, proms, graduations, finals, etc.
 - ii. Kikoh can give Mrs. Karp plans if MYC would like to organize a tournament next year.
 - 1. An ideal time for a tournament would be before April break 2025.
- b. Political Activism
 - i. No reports.
- c. Mental Health
 - i. Grerchen Levitz mentioned the opportunity for MYC members to present at a youth leadership conference in September 2024.
 - 1. Students can sit on the leadership team.
 - 2. There will be Zoom meetings over the summer to plan.
 - 3. Students will host workshops based on their PHACTT campaign topics (Narcan, meditation, etc.).
 - 4. This is a great experience to put on college applications.

5. Old Business

- a. Creative Leadership Program
 - i. The mural collaboration with RiseUP for Arts is happening July 17, 18, 20 & 21.
 - ii. Volunteer registration is full.
- b. PHACTT
 - i. 6 campaigns will be presented at Celebrate West Hartford June 8 & 9.
 - 1. Be Alive, Don't Drug Drive
 - 2. Spot the Scam
 - 3. Stress Less, Live More
 - 4. Think Before You Hit: It's Not Just Your Lungs at Risk
 - 5. WeHa Blooms
 - 6. You NarCAN Save Lives
- c. MYC 2024-2025
 - i. Sarah Granquist is leaving MYC after her 3rd term to be a Board of Education rep next year.

- ii. There will be 10 2nd year members who are automatically invited to serve next year as well as 4 3rd year members who may reapply.
- iii. Depending on the number of returning members, there will be 7-11 open seats for new members.
- iv. Kikoh, Evan, and Frankie have volunteered to judge the 2024-2025 candidates.
 - 1. Mrs. Karp will send out a Google form with potential interview dates in June.

6. New Business

a. Year in Review

- i. Accomplishments: Teen Skate Night, Adopt a Family, Beans for Basketball, social media videos (ex. Teen Skate Night), poll working, and visits from Registrar of Voters and Mayor Shari Cantor.
 - 1. Next year there will be 2 skate nights.
 - 2. Next year we can host 2 families.
- ii. Areas of Improvement: Preparing subcommittees on how to do project management, more concrete subcommittee timelines, strict attendance policy
- iii. Goals
 - 1. Offer fun leadership opportunities
 - a. Retreat
 - b. Ropes course
 - 2. Meet and work with town groups
 - a. Town Council
 - b. Board of Education
 - c. Prevention Council (West Hartford Recovery Friendly Community initiative)
 - d. Corporation Council (to learn about legal barriers to town governance)
 - 3. Create a calendar with MYC concrete dates to avoid conflicts
 - a. Have scheduled check-ins with subcommittee leaders
 - 4. Involve more schools
 - a. KO
 - b. NEJA
 - c. Northwest Catholic
 - 5. Fundraise
 - 6. Plan more whole-council projects (ex. Clean up project, Teen Skate Night)

7. More practical, “done-in-a-day” projects

7. Announcements

- a. There were no announcements.

8. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn was made by Sarah Granquist, Kikoh seconded.
- b. The vote to adjourn the meeting was anonymous.
- c. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 10th, 2024 6-7:00pm in Town Hall Room 217