

Wednesday, February 18, 2026
Mayor's Youth Council
Meeting 6:00PM in Town Hall Room 217



1. Meeting Opening

- a. Anaya called the Mayor's Youth Council to order at 6:04PM.
 - i. **Present:** Celia Filotto, Lyla Fisher, Jack Fitzgerald, Zuri Freeman, Maddie Geraghty, Anaya Lal, Sebastian Latif, Dylan Meer, Emmanuala Mordukai, Carlotta Partroni, Caeli Sullivan, Sue Tiky, Anastasiia Verienko, Laila Zaffou, and Joanna Zheng. Guests: Carol Waxman WHPL
 - ii. **Absent:** Allison Chen, Noah Sadowsky and Alina Singh

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Amendments
 - i. Motion to approve the January 14, 2026 minutes was made by Anaya; Sebastian seconded.
 - ii. There was a correction made by Mrs. Karp for the spelling of Carlotta Partroni's name, under Adjournment.
 - iii. The minutes were approved.

3. School Reports

- a. Conard
 - i. A community meeting about empathy sharing took place 2/18
- b. Hall
 - i. Pops & Jazz rehearsing began
 - ii. A community meeting about empathy sharing took place 2/18
 - iii. Titans' Got Talent is 2/25
 - iv. Spring sports have already begun this month
 - 1. Softball 2/3
 - 2. Lacrosse 2/4

- 3. Tennis 2/6
- 4. Golf 2/24

- c. Kingswood Oxford
 - i. A special assembly took place on 2/18 about Ramadan

4. Officer Reports

- a. Chair
 - i. Alison
 - 1. Not present
- b. Co-Chair
 - i. Anaya
 - 1. Officer meeting took place on 1/30
- c. Secretary
 - i. Emmanuelala
 - 1. No updates
- d. Outreach
 - i. Zuri
 - 1. MLK Celebration at Town Hall 1/19
 - 2. Kindness Project Big Fill 2/14
 - i. Hygiene and household items were organized in a timely manner
 - 3. America250 Research Session 3/2
- e. Social Media
 - i. Maddie
 - 1. No updates

5. Subcommittee Reports

A. America250

- a. Anaya
 - i. First submission was received 2/12
 - ii. Publicity
 - 1. Posters are up at Hall and Conard
 - 2. KP newsletter was sent out to parents regarding the essay
 - 3. Publicity will happen at Teen Wellness Fair 3/7

iii. Judging Schedule

1. Now - April 30 (America250 subcommittee)
 - a. Narrow to top 10
2. May 4-May 20 (America250 Task Force / Library Staff / Town Staff)
 - a. Narrow to top 5
3. May 27 (All MYC)
 - a. Narrow to 3 winners

iv. Rubric for Judging

v. Group Photo for Press Release

- a. Maddie will draft a press release for We-Ha News
- b. Group photos will be in the release

B. Food Insecurity

a. Celia

1. Lox, Stock & Bagels Bake Sale
 - a. 2/28 from 8:30AM- 12:30PM
 - b. MYC members will bake goods
 - c. Hall and KO cooking clubs and immigrant youth advocates are invited to bake
2. Hartford Deportation Defense Collaboration
 - a. March / April
 - b. Diaper Donation Drive (March - April)
 - i. 100 diaper packages have already been promised
 - ii. Flyers will be made by MYC members
3. Carla Richardson is not coming to day to give the group time to start working independently

c. Sustainability

i. Sebastian

1. Subcommittee has not met yet
2. Pramod Pradhan from Faxon Library is contacting Representative Farrar about Elmwood Clean-Up

6. Old Business

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- a. Hearts & Smart's Trivia Challenge

- i. Members of the library's Teen Advisory Board help judged the 2nd annual Hearts & Smarts Trivia Challenge
 - ii. MYC members will potentially run a team if the event continues next year
- b. Kindness Project 2/14
 - i. Lots of Hygiene and household items were organized and packaged to deliver

7. Announcements

- a. Immigrant Youth Advocates ran a bake Sale on 2/7 at Hall and collected \$277 in donations for FOCUS, an organization helping Cyclone Ditwah victims in Sri Lanka
- b. IYA is doing a bracelet sale at the KP STEAM Fair on 3/5 from 6-8PM
- c. Multicultural Night
 - i. Took place at hall on 2/11
 - ii. Hosted by Hall's Translation Club

8. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn was made by Anaya; Lyla seconded.
- b. The vote to adjourn the meeting was anonymous.
- c. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 18th, 2026 6-7:00PM in Town Hall Room 217