



San Mateo County Youth Commission



In light of COVID-19, this meeting was held virtually.

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, October 28, 2021

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Community Agreements

1. Representation
2. Equality
3. Integrity
4. Unity
5. One mic, one voice
6. Respect all people
7. Engaged members
8. Leadership and empowerment
9. Flexible and open to other perspectives
10. Collaborate with other organizations
11. Understand value of diverse lived experiences
12. Include youth in conversations that impact them
13. Keep needs of youth in San Mateo County above personal interests
14. Question decisions and resist complacency
15. Commitment to policies that foster diversity, equity, and inclusion

1. Call to Order

6:02 PM Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comment

No Public Comment

4. Approve Agenda (Action)

Motion-Ahmed Second- Reed

5. Approve Three Meeting Minutes (Action)

Remember to review materials before beginning meeting

Motion-Nori Second Motion- Warden

6. Presentation: Youth Commission Alumni

Atiya Shah, Javier Nino-Sears, Sara Pistorino, Allyson Chan

Sara Pistorino- Health and Wellness Committee and Legislative Committee

Cannabis Decoded- created social media campaign with BHRS and worked with graphic design team

- Social Host ordinance- Consequences for Adults who host events with underage substance abuse
 - Presented to Board of Supervisors
 - Wrote to BOS about creating a restorative justice program
- Advice: Narrow down project ideas (what is actually achievable)
- Reach out to other county departments/commissions
- Work on projects in between meetings

Allyson Chan- Civic Engagement Committee and Education/Economic Development

- Census Newsletter- encouraged people to take part in census
 - Sent to other Youth Commissions
 - Sent to 23 Schools in San Mateo County
 - Translated into 4 languages
 - Utilized Canva
- Gen Z Voter Conference- encouraged youth voter participation
 - 2 day conference
 - 100+ attendees
 - Worked with When We All Vote (My School Votes) and immigrant youth committee
 - Featured Keynote speaker assembly member Kevin Mullin
 - Challenges: Online, planning process and prioritization of spaces, communication through committee is needed!
 - Successes: Great turnout (easy RSVP page), partnerships with other organizations

Javier Nino-Sears- Immigrant Youth Committee

- Indigenous People Day Resolution - worked with many organizations, learned how to compromise
- Immigrant Youth Scholarship- Outstanding Immigrant Youth for Secondary Education
- Health Equity- two different issues merged, designed from scratch
- Advice: Use adults in committee, use returning committee members, time out tasks, Chairs of Committees need to delegate

Atiya Shah-Immigrant Youth Committee and Environmental Justice

- Broad goal and strategy
- Goal: Prioritize sustainability in educational institutes
- Strategy: Climate Emergency Declaration
- Climate Emergency Declaration- turn declaration into format for many schools to use
 - Timeline: September-Creation of template, October to November- Outreach, November- Involvement with SMUHSD Sustainability Committee, January- Present Declaration to SMUHSD Sustainability Committee-time with Sequoia-contact Kevin Stark, March-Public Comment and agenda for April 1st meeting, April- Present at board meeting and passed declaration, May- Sequoia passes Declaration-KQED Article out-Jefferson HS reaches out
 - Lot's of Recognition- KQED, Aragon, Mills, YCA
 - Next steps: More interviews, want this year for more efforts to additional high schools
- Norcal Youth Conference- Civic Engagement Committee
- Advice: Communication is key, contact adults in committees, be ambitious

7. Breakout Rooms for Q&A with Alumni

Time for Subcommittee Q&A

8. Transformative Justice Presentation & Vote (Action)

Austin Willis & Ameya Nori

- Restorative Justice-
 - many supporters of restorative justice and peer court
 - Disproportionate suspensions of BIPOC students (School to prison pipeline)
 - Students who are suspended are 3x more likely to enter juvenile justice system-peer court hopes to address
 - Restorative Justice: Reduces crime, improves human behavior, strengthens society, restores relationships
 - Solution to school to prison pipeline: Peer Court in San Mateo County
 - Peer Court Process: Introductions, get to know the respondent, establishing a restorative plan
 - Positions: Advocate, Respondent, Peer Team, Peer Facilitator, Adult Facilitator, Staff Facilitators
 - Letter of Support of San Mateo County Peer Court
 - Drafted [Letter](#)
 - Letter of Support on behalf of San Mateo Youth Commission
 - Motion Warden Second Ahmed
 - Letter Passed!
 - Clarifying answers: Peer court will be held in 3 locations (in person EPA or Daly City Boys and Girls Club), 6 month timeline after infraction, peer team consists of old respondents and young people from community interested in volunteering, volunteers go through a training, volunteers take an oath of confidentiality and impartiality
 - Looking for volunteers! Reach out to any member (Ameya, Austin, etc.)

- Youth Leaders - [apply now](#)

9. Boards and Commissions Liaison Updates

- Board of Education- New Center for Access and Equity, looking for ways for SMYC to be involved, new funds for community schools, special ed state funding presentation
- Commission on Disabilities- Community Survey
- Commission on the Status of Women- Women's Leadership Conference Planning
- Domestic Violence Council- No meetings yet
- First 5- Logistical meeting details, upcoming vaccines for children
- JJDP-Resolution on Sexual Harassment, electing new leadership, after school programs
- LGBTQ- No meetings yet
- MHSARC- Reports from Committee, election of officers, adopting bylaws and changing name (Behavioral Health Committee), Hudson and Katelyn granted voting rights
- Parks- Kevin possibility of being new liaison

10. Committee Updates

- a. Civic Engagement- Collaboration with Vote 16, worked on outreach, preliminary work on Gubernatorial Initiatives, research on voter education mandates
- b. Education & Economic Development- Drafting declaration on economic equality through educational system
- c. Environmental Justice- Continuing work on projects, crafting climate action plan for schools who have passed declaration, in touch with Office of Education and individuals who will help create earth day conference
- d. Health & Wellness - Reviewing survey
- e. Immigrant Youth- Working on "Know Your Rights" workshop
- f. Transformative Justice- Working on Peer Court, outreach

11. Announcements

- Environmental Justice Committee will be given award for climate emergency declaration
- New Meeting Times in November and December- December Holiday Party
- Please follow peer court's social media: <https://twitter.com/SMCPeerCourt>
- Social Media- Please utilize team social media page, spread the word, posting survey in bio, attempting to do spotlights on subcommittees

12. Adjournment

Next Meeting: November 4, 2021

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