



## YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

4 p.m. – Community Room – West Linn Public Library

**Present Youth Advisory Council Members:** Jake Heinonen, Andrew Brown, Caitlin McCabe, Hunter Shepersky, Aubrey Cutler, Noah Juarez, Logan Winder, Michael Phillips, Summer Tan, Eli Johnson, and Advay Koranne.

**West Linn Staff Members:** Alicia Shroyer.

**West Linn City Council Members:** Jules Walters.

**Absent:** Mac Graves, Olivia Swartz, Katherine Russell, and Gavin Harvey.

**Call to Order:** Mr. Heinonen called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

**Agenda Review:** Mr. Heinonen read agenda to the group, made a motion to approve the agenda. Agenda was approved unanimously.

**Oregon Youth Summit:** Mrs. Shroyer reminded the group of the date of the event and stated that permission slips were needed for anyone who wanted to attend. Mr. Heinonen and Miss Shepersky both stated they would not be able to attend, and asked who would be able to speak on behalf of the group. Miss McCabe was not present for the start of the previous meeting, and inquired what the event was about. Miss Shepersky explained the event to the group and stated that it was a lot of fun when they attended last year. Councilor Walters suggested taking a vote of who would be able to attend the event. One voted yes, zero voted maybe, eleven voted they would not be able to attend the event.

**Drug Take Back Event:** Mrs. Shroyer said that she had a chance to speak with Officer Halverson, and that the previously decided date of the event would not work for WLPD. Mrs. Shroyer suggested holding the event on National Drug Take Back Day which is Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Group agreed that date would work with everyone and date was changed. Mr. Johnson said he had already reached out to Rosemont Middle School about the previous date, so he would check back in and see if they could still hold the event there on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Business:** Mrs. Shroyer said that she had met with Mayor Axelrod earlier in the day, and was curious if the group would be interested in participating/presenting at the State of the City on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Heinonen said it would be good for them to participate in the event. Miss McCabe asked who would like to present at the event, and group decided it would be best for the President and Vice President to participate. Mr. Johnson suggested they talk about the drug take back event and Mental Health Awareness night. Mr. Heinonen asked what they should talk about as accomplishments for 2018, group decided it would be good to focus on Emergency Preparedness, parking at WLHS, and insights they have for any YAC members next year. Miss McCabe said she felt like there were some

growing pains early on that the group was able to overcome and she would like to include that. Mrs. Shroyer mentioned as a goal for next year fundraising for the Washington DC trip.

Miss Tan wanted to follow up to the fundraising discussion at the last meeting and see if the amount raised was known yet. Miss Shepersky said she had not had a chance to retrieve the funds from the bookkeeper at the office yet, but that she would follow up prior to the next meeting. Mrs. Shroyer presented the group with coupons for six dozen doughnuts so fundraising efforts could continue. Miss Cutler asked if they should pick a date to sell doughnuts again. Miss Shepersky stated that the first one was very successful and would like to do this fundraiser again, but reminded the group that this should be a priority and they will need more volunteers to help sell. Miss McCabe reminded the group of the rules of selling at school – they can only sell before or after school so they do not compete with school sales of food. Mr. Juarez suggested selling on a Friday so they can have flyers up promoting all week. Miss McCabe stated they would need to email Ms. Keizer to let her know about their fundraising efforts, Miss Shepersky volunteered to send the email. Group decided on the date of Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and asked the group who would be able to buy, and help sell the doughnuts on that day. Miss Cutler and Miss Tan said they would be able to sell on that date, but would need someone else to pick the doughnuts up for them. Mr. Juarez and Mer. Brown said they would be able to help purchase the doughnuts. The group also decided to sell doughnuts on the morning of Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Miss Shepersky will purchase the doughnuts and help to sell them with Miss Tan and Miss Cutler.

Mr. Juarez asked about the Mental Health Awareness Night and if anything had been decided about it at the last meeting. The group decided that they were wanting to move forward with the event. Mr. Koranne suggested an evening in May. Mr. Juarez asked what the national Mental Health Awareness day was and if they should hold the event that day. Mrs. Shroyer said that the national day is October 10<sup>th</sup>, so the group moved forward with May which is Mental Health Awareness month. Mr. Koranne suggested the date of May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Juarez asked the group if that date would work, all agreed. Miss McCabe suggested checking with the location first to confirm that date is available, group agreed.

Mrs. Shroyer reminded the group about the Public Safety Advisory Board scholarship and if the group could please share the event on social media. Group agreed they would share the application.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Heinonen called the meeting at 4:39pm.