



Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 12, 2021

3:30 to 5:00 pm

ZOOM or Actual Location

Present: Abbygale Critelli, Aidan Bilon, Adam Roysten, Avary Watson, Azka Siddiqui, Bella Krick, Cameron Scott, Daniel Ferraro, Hinkal Patel, Issie Beraradi, Kade Martin, Katarina Cebic, Katie Hutchings, Lesley Ha, Mackenzie Agretto, Maddox Libera, Madison Mihaychuk, Micheal Iancov, Mishaal Malik, Olivia Harlan, Pranshu Patel, Salony Sharma, Serina Santo, Shaan Patel, Steffen Zylstra, Shreedev Patel, Tirth Patel, Beth Angle (staff), Councillor Mike Strange

Regrets: Ariel Arseneault

Community Liaisons: Greg Janssen

Guests: Greg Janssen

1. Opening Exercise - Aidan and Salony

A friendly debate topic (topic: What came first, chicken or egg?) - No winning side (2-2)

Sign up sheet to lead the upcoming months' opening exercise:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lz-dj6vKWkqrqDIzYphKMo-ucNtfyBdfLC8b5ZOOfNbg/edit?usp=sharing>

2. Adoption of Minutes December 1st, 2021

1. It was moved by Katie Hutchings and seconded by Issie Beraradi that the minutes of December 1st, 2021 be adopted as written.

Carried

3. Staff Liaison's new role

Beth has accepted a new role in the city, and will not be moderating next year's Committee. Congratulations on your new role and thank you for your years of service in making MYAC an amazing ground for student leadership in the city!

4. Festival of Trees

The Green Subcommittee's tree was bought for \$500 by a family and the Candyland theme was bought for \$200.

5. Sub-committees sorting

One student from every school should be on each subcommittee!



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If you would like to join a subcommittee email Beth or anyone from the executive team to be added to the list and group chats!

6. Sub-committee Updates & Next Meeting Dates

a. JFF

- i. Co-Chairs - Mack and Adam
- ii. Currently working on hosting a monthly trivia (Kahoot) for all high school students.
- iii. Deciding on whether School-a-Palooza should be an event this year or whether it should be replaced by another event.
- iv. Next Meeting: TBD in Group Chat through WhenToMeet link.

b. Youth Voice

- i. Co-Chair - Hinkal
- ii. Currently beginning planning for a Niagara student summit. Five sessions have been finalized, between finance, postsecondary, and other branches of information useful to students.
- iii. Next Meeting: January 14th at 6:00pm

c. Giving Back

- i. Co-Chair - Katie
- ii. Looking into a reading buddy program (volunteer opportunities for high school students.)
- iii. Coldest Night of the Year for all of MYAC - Beth has sent an email
- iv. Next Meeting: Monday, Jan 17th at 5:15pm.

d. Green

- i. Co-Chairs - Maddox and Pranshu
- ii. Green art contest has been completed
- iii. Moving forward, a green wall installation is being discussed, composting options are being looked into for schools, as well as expanding our city cleanup walk.
- iv. Next Meeting: Jan 20th

e. Mental Health

- i. Co-Chair - Avary Watson



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- ii. Knowledge Mobilization that includes creating posts on Instagram and a toolkit - a virtual brochure given to high school students
- iii. Guidance Vouchers - discussion with businesses in Niagara Falls
- iv. Short Story Contest - open to students in Niagara Falls, write a small story (60-500 words) that relates to the theme of self-care.
- v. Academic Success Study Night - an opportunity for students to meet new people, snacks, doorprize, a speaker, etc.
- vi. Next Meeting: TBD in Group Chat

7. MYAC Calendar

Kailey compiled all the dates for all the events for the MYAC subcommittees into an organized, master calendar.

8. New Business

- i. Social Media Coordinator position created- management aspect. The person appointed is Michael.
- ii. Meet the MYAC member posts - will be worked on by Michael, Hinkal and Abby.

9. Adjournment

Adjourned by Katie Hutchings and seconded by Pranshu Patel.

Carried