

MINUTES
YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING
15 FEBRUARY 2006

Apologies:

Ollie Goulden, Ioana Gordon-Smith

Present:

Fiona McNamara	Victoria University
Jay Bryce	Newlands College
Jaz Rongokea	St Catherine's
Josh Mitikulena	Working class
Kate Forsyth	Victoria University
Laura Hubbard	Victoria University
Libbe McArthy	Victoria University
Kane Le'aupepe	Newlands College
Amy Hadfield	Wellington Girl's College

In attendance:

Councillor Hayley Wain	Wellington City Council
Joella Wright	Wellington City Council
David Daniela	Wellington City Council
Sue Pepperell	Wanganui District Council

Agenda Items

Expectations of Youth Council

Joella handed out the current terms of reference and asked youth council to read over during the meeting and also take away to look over. The terms of reference outline what will be expected of youth councillors. Last year youth council came up with a purpose which is to be put into the terms of reference, unfortunately it cannot be located.

Action: Joella to find out the purpose for the terms of reference by next youth council meeting.

Terms of reference

The group had a discussion on the current terms of reference that youth services are hoping to be able to change. The group discussed the purpose, role, membership and criteria for membership. Joella will be meeting with Adele Gibson from Policy to discuss how the document can be changed and what processes need to happen.

Annual Youth Forum

Joella & Hayley gave a brief background on the annual youth forum which is held every year during the month of May. In the past Joella has done most of the work around the forum but both she and Hayley would like to see youth council taking a more proactive approach and be more involved in the organising process of the forum. It was agreed that a committee be formed to organise the youth forum with the support of council officers and Hayley. The committee will need a chairperson which can be decided within the group. Extra meetings will be required of those who are on the organising committee also.

Those who have volunteered to be on the committee are as follows:

Josh Mitikulena, Jay Bryce, Libbe McArthy, Amy Hadfield, Fiona McNamara, Laura Hubbard.

Youth Council Recruitment

The group discussed ways in which new youth council members could be recruited.

Some of the ideas that were discussed were as follows:

- Sending letters to head prefects at the colleges
- Sending letters to board of trustee school reps
- Youth council rep to speak to school assembly about youth council

The following people have volunteered to speak at assemblies by the next youth council meeting:

Laura Hubbard	Queen Margaret
Fiona McNamara	Samuel Marsden
Libbe & Amy	Wellington Girl's College

Action: The above people to have spoken to assemblies by the next youth council meeting on Wednesday 1st March.

Action: Joella to send letters to head prefects and board of trustees student reps asking for new recruits.

Profile of Youth Council

It was brought up in the meeting that the profile of youth council needs to be raised and some ideas around how this could be done were discussed. It was agreed that it would be good for youth council to start getting involved with and helping out with events that David Daniela is involved in organising or partnering. Both David and Joella advised youth council of the following events that were coming up and advised youth councillors to contact Joella directly if they were interested in coming along and helping:

Cultural Revolution	Thursday 23 rd February
Strictly Street	Friday 3 rd March
Culture Jam	Friday 4 th March

It was also agreed that youth council should get t-shirts that identified them as youth councillors while they are at these events or any other events that youth council are invited to. The idea of having a logo for youth council was raised but it was decided against as this would mean a long gruelling process of having to go through marketing

and external communications within council. It was also agreed that a logo or brand could 'age' quickly. Joella suggested that she could get in touch with Topshelf Creative about coming up with some concepts for the t-shirts and advised that their designs would definitely stand out so it was decided that this would be a good idea.

Action: Joella to contact Topshelf Creative to come up with 2 or 3 concepts for next youth council meeting.

Chairperson

Joella & Hayley raised the fact that a chairperson and deputy chairperson was needed to chair youth council for 2006. Both Scott Mcleod and Nicholas Chan have moved on from youth council. Some of the expectations of the chairperson are as follows:

- Attend every youth council meeting
- Deal with the media – Training to be given for this
- Make submissions & write letters on behalf of youth council
- Be the face of youth council
- Be a committed strong leader

Hayley and Joella advised that Ioana Gordon-Smith might be interested in the chair position and asked if there were any other people on youth council who would be interested. The following have shown an interest in the chair and deputy chair positions on youth council:

Kate Forsyth	Deputy Chairperson
Fiona McNamara	Chair/Deputy
Laura Hubbard	Chair/Deputy

Action: Joella & Hayley will discuss the chair and deputy positions and the process to appointment.

Relationship with Council

It was agreed amongst the group that a stronger relationship with council needs to be established and maintained. One of the ways in which this could be done was to have youth councillors assigned to each of the 7 portfolio holders within council. Hayley has spoken to some of the portfolio holders who have shown interest in this.

Action: Joella to get information from Democratic services on each of the portfolios and have ready to show at next youth council meeting.

Sub-committee groups

2 sub-committee groups have been established within youth council. One of the groups will focus on events while the other focuses on advocacy.

Action: Joella to email youth councillors to find out which group they want to be on.

Relationships

BGI, Zeal, Evolve, Police, Walkwise, Provoke are all external organisations that youth council thought it would be good to build a relationship with this year and that there needs to be a plan on how to do this. The idea of a couple of youth councillors visiting these groups to invite them along to a youth council meeting was discussed. Also the possibility of having a meeting or a function and having all the groups come along to meet youth council and talk for 5 minutes about what they do.

Action: Youth Councillors to email Joella with any other organisations or groups they can think of.

Other actions

Joella to email youth councillors the standing orders for meetings

Hayley to talk to Michael Webster about travel allowances for youth councillors

Joella to email Kate Forsyth with last years minutes

This meeting finished at 5.17pm

Next youth council meeting

Wednesday 1st March 2006, Committee room 2 at 4pm – 6pm.