



AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

2. Agenda Review

This is the time to reorder and/or remove items from the agenda by consensus of the Youth Council. Any individual member who will be abstaining from a discussion item should announce his/her intentions at this time.

3. Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2024

4. Correspondence

5. Public Statements/Comments

Time allotted for public statements on all items on the agenda, as well as matters not on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Youth Council. Statements and comments are limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker.

6. Continued Business

a. Discussion of the Youth Town Hall

b. Discussion of Youth Council Fundraising

c. Discussion of the Options for the Youth Council Multicultural Fair

7. New Business

a. Review and Selection of the 2024 Youth Summit Flyer

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

This is the time for Youth Council members' statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Youth Council or to request a future agenda item. This is also the time to make any announcements related to community events and other items of interest.



9. Coordinator's Report
10. Adjournment: Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 106/107

/s/

Anna M. Medina
Deputy Community Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and Youth Council Secretary Anika Nedunuri took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
V	Apollo High School Rep	P	Ethan Bhat	P	Jacob Peter Salvanera
P	Ella McCrossan-RHS	P	Pranav Bijith		
P*	Jasleen Khangura-RHS	P	Simran Dhillon	Alternates	
P	Abhishek Jagannathan-SSHS	P*	Abhishek Humbe	P*	Saydee Ro
P	Advaith Nair-SSHS	P	Tanvi Ijju	P	Junxi (David) Chen
P	Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi – SVHS	P*	Sanchita Karthik	P	Sunchana Sridharan
P	Anika Nedunuri-SVHS	P	Claire Menges	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P	Jiya Bhatt-HMS	P	Ian Nelson		
P	Rylan Downey-SMS	P	Divya Nunna		
A	Sanjeev Akundi-VVMS	P*	Kalyssa Ro		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Community Services Coordinator.

Guests: Dave DeMaio, Recreation Coordinator, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District; Jennifer Wigdor, Counselor, Simi Valley Unified School District; and Students Kirtan Ijju, Adithi Muralidas, and Aman Sreejith.

2. Agenda Review

There being no objections, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes from December 19, 2023

ACTION: A motion to approve the December 19, 2023, minutes as written was made by David Chen and seconded by Jiya Bhatt.

Youth Council Vote: 17 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Miller reported that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute’s education team apologized for postponing the Youth Town Hall and had provided a few alternate dates for the Youth Council to review and discuss.

Ms. Miller also received correspondence from Kent Alkire with the Interfaith Council regarding the Youth Council’s interest in participating in its upcoming Unity Festival on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Students Kirtan Ijju, Adithi Muralidas, and Aman Sreejith introduced themselves.

Dave DeMaio, Recreation Coordinator with the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, stated that if the Youth Council needed space for future events, such as, escape room, to contact him. Mr. DeMaio also inquired about the Youth Council's interest in participating in the RSRPD's annual Arts Fest on Saturday, May 18, 2024. He proposed that event and the Youth Council coordinating the culinary arts section as an alternative for a multicultural fair, if needed.

6. Continued Business

a. Discussion of the Youth Town Hall

For the original date, not enough schools/individuals signed up to attend. The potential new date that the Ronald Reagan Library proposed was March 15th. However there were many conflicts with that date, as one of the panelists would have been unable to attend as well as many students involved in choir.

It was requested to come back to this topic later during the meeting. After returning to this topic, the Youth Council discussed other possible dates and came up with February 26th with April 8th as a backup. Once the date is confirmed Youth Council members would have to reach out to teachers at their schools and advertise Town Hall so we could secure attendance.

ACTION: A motion to approve Monday, February 26, 2024 as the rescheduled date for the Youth Town Hall, with April 8, 2024 as a backup was made by Abhi Humbe and seconded by Sanchita Karthik.

Youth Council Vote: 21 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

7. New Business

a. Discussion of the 2024 Teen Wellness Night

Jasleen Khangura, Chair of Teen Wellness Committee, reported that the committee had met, reviewed potential event dates for the second annual Teen Wellness Night, and recommended scheduling the event on Friday, May 17, 2024. Ms. Khangura also asked the committee to complete a meeting availability form that she sent out via Google.

Mrs. Jennifer Wigdor gave a brief overview of the event, as well as the proposed budget included in the School District's TUPE grant funding. She reported that there were a lot of leftover supplies from last year's event, and that they had about \$500-\$1000 tentatively in funding. Mrs. Wigdor stated she would confirm the budget and report back. She also mentioned that a new addition could be including a Sound Bath session.

Ms. Khangura stated that the committee would like to add more service projects opportunities for participants, and to encourage teachers to attend in order to promote student-faculty positive interactions.

Chair Abhishek Jagannathan encouraged Mrs. Wigdor to attend the next Teen Wellness Committee meeting to further discuss event logistics.

b. Discussion of the Talent Show on Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Jacob Salvanera, Chair of the Fundraising Committee, stated that he had sent a Google form for all Youth members to select their preferred role for the Talent Show. He briefly explained the duties and responsibilities of each role and asked that members complete the form as soon as possible.

c. Selection of the 2024 Youth Council Informational Report Presenters for the February 12, March 4, April 22, May 20, and June 24 City Council Meetings

Chair Abhishek Jagannathan reviewed the dates available and responsibilities of Youth Council Informational Report presenters.

After a brief discussion, the following volunteered and were selected to present the Youth Council Informational Reports to the City Council:

February 12, 2024 – Pranav Bijith;

March 4, 2024 – Claire Menges;

April 22, 2024 – Tanvi Ijju;

May 20, 2024 – Abhishek Jagannathan; and

June 24, 2024 – Ian Nelson

ACTION: A motion to approve Youth Council Informational Report presenters to City Council as listed above was made by Ethan Bhat and seconded by Ella McCrossan.

Youth Council Vote: 21 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

d. Discussion and Vote on Youth Council Bylaw Amendments

Bylaw Review Committee Chair, Ian Nelson, presented the committee's recommended revisions to the Youth Council Bylaws as listed below:

- Under Article IV. Organization, Section 2. Youth Council Officers, B. Duties of the "Vice Chair" add 2. Provide for the completion of all projects undertaken by the Youth Council.
- Under Article V. Terms of Office, Section 2. Attendance, 1: If there are ~~three (3) consecutive unexcused absences, or five (5) total unexcused~~ a total of any six (6) absences (excused or unexcused) during the term by a member or alternate, the seat of such member shall be deemed immediately vacant. Extreme special circumstances that cause a Youth Council member to not attend meetings, such as a medical emergency, will not be counted as a standard absence with the approval of the Youth Council Coordinator. If Youth Council members are tardy without an excuse by more than fifteen minutes, an absence will be counted. If a Youth Council member has an excused tardy, they must contact the Youth

Council Coordinator for approval. An approved excused tardy shall not be considered an absence.

- Under Article VI. Selection Procedure, Section 2 Selection of Incumbents. The selection of up to nine of the nominees for retention shall be made by an interview panel consisting of the Youth Council Coordinator ~~from the Department of Community Services~~, one City Council Member and up to two non-returning Youth Council members, which shall be designated by their respective bodies.
- Under Article VI. Selection Procedure, Section 3. Selection of Remaining Nominees: Selection of the remaining ~~12~~ nominees shall be made by an interview consisting of up to four returning incumbent Youth Council members of individuals expressing an active interest in participating, and demonstrating an ability to make meaningful contributions.
- Under Article VI. Selection Procedure, Section 6. Selection District Representation: A. Apollo High School; Monte Vista, an Independent Study/Homeschool Academy; or other homeschool shall be allocated one representative. If no applications are received from any of these categories by October 1st, the spot is opened up for a Community at Large spot.
- Under Article VI. Selection Procedure, Section 7. At Large Representation: Eleven (11) or twelve (12) (Subject to Article VI, Section 6A) members shall be selected from the Community at Large.
- Under Article IX. Rules, Section 3: Add b. If a Youth Council member has an explicit reference to the Youth Council in their online presence, such as username or within their social media bio, there must be sufficient clarification that posts are not made on the behalf of the Youth Council.
- Under Article X. Meetings, Section 1: The Chair, or the Vice Chair in the absence of the Chair, shall preside over the Youth Council Meetings. In the event that the Chair is absent, the order of presiding over the meetings will be followed by the Vice Chair, Sergeant-at-Arms, Treasurer and then Secretary. If all Youth Council officers are absent, another member of the Youth Council shall preside over the meeting at the discretion of the Youth Council Coordinator.
- Under Article X. Meetings, Section 9. Ad Hoc Advisory Committees, E: The Chair of each ad hoc advisory committee will be responsible for: scheduling meetings, ~~notifying committee members of meetings,~~ keeping the Youth Council advised of all committee activities, and completion and submission of committee report to the Youth Council and Coordinator.
- Under Article X. Meetings, Section 9. Ad Hoc Advisory Committees, Add F: The Vice Chair of each ad hoc advisory committee will be

responsible for: notifying committee members of meetings and keeping record of committee member meeting attendance.

- Under Section 9. Ad Hoc Advisory Committees, Add G: A total of three (3) unexcused absences from a specific ad hoc committee during the term constitutes a vacancy of that seat on that ad hoc committee.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council Bylaw amendments as listed above was made by Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi and seconded by Claire Menges.

Youth Council Vote: 21 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

Action Item: Ms. Miller to initiate the approval process for the Youth Council Bylaw amendments.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Ella McCrossan, Social Media Committee Chair, stated that the social media committee would meet at 6:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 17, 2024, to discuss promotion plan for the Youth Town Hall and then discuss the new Youth Council TikTok account.

Abhi Humbe, Multicultural Fair Chair, reported that members from the committee had a meeting scheduled with Santa Susana High School's International Club Advisor on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 to discuss possible collaboration for a districtwide Multicultural Fair during the school's International Week.

Advaith Nair, Youth Summit Chair, stated that posters for the event were being reviewed and that a vote on the best one would occur at the next Youth Council meeting on February 6th.

Jacob Salvanera, Fundraising Chair, reminded everyone to complete the Google form to indicate their preferences for Talent Show roles.

Jasleen Khangura, Teen Wellness Chair, reminded committee members to complete the Google form inquiring about availability for the next Teen Wellness committee meeting.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac announced that the Youth Employment Service (YES) would host an Entering the Workforce workshop on Thursday, February 1, 2024. Flyers were distributed.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.