



## 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 September 17, 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. Informational Presentation

a. City Council Liaison to the Youth Council Mayor Fred Thomas

7. Continued Business

a. Discussion of the Youth Summit on October 11, 2024

b. Discussion of the Youth Council's 2024 Bullying Prevention Campaign

c. Discussion of the Youth Town Hall

8. New Business

a. Debrief of the Youth Council's 2024 Suicide Prevention Rock Painting Night on Friday, September 20, 2024

b. Discussion of Youth Council's 2024 – 2025 Work Plan

9. 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.

10. Coordinator's Report



11. Adjournment: Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 105/106.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Youth Council Chair Advait Nair called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m., and Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
P*	Jasleen Khangura - RHS	P	Ethan Bhat	P	Saydee Ro
P	Rylan Downey - RHS	P	Prithika Bijith	P	Karthik Vishnubhotla
P	Advait Nair - SSSH	E	Saanvi Daga	Alternates	
P	Nicole Kim - SSSH	P	Chloe Drury	P	Nishta Kubsad
E	Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi - SVHS	P	Abhishek Humbe	P*	Natalie Nguyen
P	Kalyssa Ro -SVHS	P	Kirtan Ijju	P	Michelle Sebastian
P	Aman Sreejith - HMS	P	Tanvi Ijju	P = Present	
P	Hannah Khalil – SMS	P	Lakshmi Julakanti	E = Excused	
P	Arjun Prabhuram - VVMS	P	James LeQuang	A = Absent	
		P	Rithmika Naveen	V = Vacant	
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Ryan Fowler, Youth Council Coordinator

Guests: Ken Alkier, International Day of Peace; Mike James, Simi Valley Education Foundation, Mahie Daga, student; Shana Jetley, student

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from September 3, 2024

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the September 3, 2024, minutes as written was made by Chloé Drury and seconded by Tanvi Ijju.

**Youth Council Vote: 18 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

4. Correspondence

Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler shared that he received correspondences from Youth Council Sargent-At-Arms Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi and Youth Council Vice Chair Jasleen Khangura regarding the California Association of Student Council's State Advisory Board on Education conference occurring November 11 to November 13.

Mr. Fowler shared that he had also received correspondence from Children Now, looking for students to join their free Summit For Student Leaders being held October 20.

## 5. Public Statements/Comments

Mr. Ken Alkier shared that International Cities of Peace was hosting an International Day of Peace Celebration at Lemon Park on September 21. The event features a pancake breakfast, entertainment, and community service projects.

Two students in attendance introduced themselves, along with their grade levels and schools they attended.

## 6. Informational Presentations

## a. Mike James, Board Member, Simi Valley Education Foundation

Mr. James introduced himself, sharing his educational background and the importance of public schools. He explained the role of the school board, including setting the direction of the school district, establishing effective structures, providing student and teacher support, and community leadership. Mr. James discussed the responsibilities of a school board member, such as upholding values and laws, and representing the community. Youth Council members shared their experience with public schools and why they choose to attend the particular schools that they do.

## 7. Continued Business

## a. Election of 2024-2025 Youth Council Secretary

Youth Council Chair Advait Nair stated that elections for Youth Council Secretary were open. He explained each candidate would have up to five minutes to give a campaign speech, and that he would be keeping time. Tanvi Ijju, Lakshmi Julakanti, and James LeQuang all indicated they were running. After the candidates gave their speeches a hand vote was held, and Tanvi Ijju was chosen as the 2024-2025 Youth Council Secretary.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve Tanvi Ijju as Youth Council Secretary was made by Jasleen Khangura and seconded by Karthik Vishnubhotla.

**Youth Council Vote: 19 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

## b. Selection of the Youth Council Informational Report Presenters to the City Council on Monday, October 7, 2024, and Monday, November 18, 2024

Youth Council Chair Advait Nair stated that volunteers were needed to present the Youth Council informational report to the City Council at the City Council meetings in October and November. Abhishek Humbe, Arjun Prabhuram, and Lakshmi Julakanti all volunteered. Mr. Nair asked if anyone was willing to wait until later in the term, as we only needed two people for right now, and Lakshmi Julakanti said she would wait until later. After discussion it was determined that Mr. Humbe would present at the October meeting and Mr. Prabhuram would present at the November meeting.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve Abhishek Humbe and Arjun Prabhuram as the Youth Council Informational Report presenters at the October and November City Council meetings respectively was made by Prithika Bijith and seconded by Rylan Downey.

**Youth Council Vote: 19 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

c. Discussion of the Youth Council's 2024 Bullying Prevention Campaign

Youth Council Chair Advaith Nair reviewed previous years bullying prevention campaigns. Youth Council Vice Chair Jasleen Khangura suggested again having a Stop Bullying pledge and Stop Bullying bracelets at the Street Fair. Natalie Nguyen suggested that the social media posts include motivational posts and prompts for followers to share one kind thing. Hannah Khalil suggested making anti-bullying signs or posters to hang in the school offices, signed by the Youth Council members. Youth Council coordinator Ryan Fowler reminded the Youth Council that they also traditionally request a proclamation declaring October "Stop Bullying Month" from the City Council. After discussion, the banner and bracelets for the Street Fair was assigned to the Outreach Committee, and the posters or signs for the schools to Hannah Khalil.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the 2024 Bullying Prevention Campaign was made by Aman Sreejith and seconded by Natalie Nguyen.

**Youth Council Vote: 19 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

d. Discussion of the Youth Council's Participation at the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's Annual Heritage Halloween Event on Saturday, October 19, 2024

Youth Council Chair Advaith Nair explained the event and the Youth Council's past participation. After discussion, the Youth Council indicated they would like to participate again this year. Mr. Nair asked for volunteers to help at the event and everyone present volunteered.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the Youth Council's participation in the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's annual Halloween Heritage event on October 19 was made by Abhishek Humbe and seconded by Rithmika Naveen.

**Youth Council Vote: 19 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**



- e. Discussion of the Youth Council's Participation at the City Expo in conjunction with the Simi Valley Street Fair on Saturday, October 26, 2024

Youth Council Chair Advaith Nair called on Rylan Downey to explain the event and the Youth Council's past participation. After discussion, the Youth Council indicated they would like to participate again this year. Youth Council coordinator Ryan Fowler said he would send out a form to sign up for shifts.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the Youth Council's participation in the Street Fair on October 26 was made by Lakshmi Julakanti and seconded by Nishta Kubsad.

**Youth Council Vote: 19 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

- f. Discussion of the Youth Council's 2024 Suicide Prevention Rock Painting Night on Friday, September 20, 2024

Teen Wellness Chair Tanvi Ijju gave an update on the planning of the event and asked if everyone had received the role assignments that had been sent out. Arjun Prabhuram indicated he had not, and Ms. Ijju said she would send it to him. Ms. Ijju stated that she would like Youth Council members to arrive at 5:00pm on September 20 for set up. After discussion, it was determined that the Youth Council would like to have two members leave the Rock Painting Night event early to go over to Yogurtland and help promote the fundraiser there. Extra Yogurtland flyers were requested for this purpose and Natalie Nguyen and Michelle Sebastian volunteered to be the two members who would leave to do the promotion.

- g. Discussion of the Youth Summit on October 11, 2024

Youth Summit Chair Kalyssa Ro gave an update on the planning. Youth Council Chair Advaith Nair stated that there were currently 45 registrations, and that Youth Council members really needed to step up their promotion efforts. Outreach Committee chair Jasleen Khangura stated that there would be a promotional reel posted on social media tomorrow, and that she had requested the school district send out flyers and an email. Promoting on TikTok was discussed and it was determined that the promotional efforts would be better spent on Instagram and Facebook, as they have a much higher follower count. Promoting the Youth Council TikTok account at the Rock Painting Night event was made a priority so that they could increase their follower count and utilize TikTok more in the future. Mr. Nair stated that the four topics of interest for the breakout groups at Youth Summit that received the highest number of responses on the registration form were: Academic & Social Stress, Social Media, Peer Pressure / Substance Abuse, and Bullying. A discussion was had regarding asking teachers if they would

offer extra credit to students attending the Youth Summit. It was determined that it would be better to save that request for other events so as not to ask teachers for this too much. However, in the future, if the event was held on a Saturday then it would be appropriate to ask teachers to offer extra credit, as it would be on a weekend.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the Youth Summit breakout group topics was made by Arjun Prabhuram and seconded by Kalyssa Ro.

**Youth Council Vote: 19 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

8. New Business

a. Discussion of Youth Town Hall

Youth Council Chari Advait Nair reviewed past Youth Town Hall events. After discussion, it was determined to work on planning the Youth Town Hall as a whole Youth Council, and not form a separate committee. Various ways of improving student engagement were discussed including: breakout groups with the panelists, throwing candy into the audience, audience polls/quizzes, ice breakers, an intermission, having students line up at a mic for the panelist Q & A, having the teachers pre-select student leaders to ask questions, having less panelist time and more time for student engagement. Saydee Ro stated that she felt the student engagement cards at the last Youth Town Hall were too micro-managed.

9. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Fundraising - Chair Ethan Bhat shared that the Fundraising Committee held their first meeting and elected him chair and Nicole Kim Vice Chair. He stated they reviewed current funds, reviewed a list of businesses to ask for donations, and updated the fundraising letter for Youth Summit. Mr. Bhat said the committee's next meeting would be September 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Youth Summit – Chair Kalyssa Ro shared that the Youth Summit committee held their first meeting and elected her chair and Saydee Ro as Vice Chair. Ms. Ro stated the next committee meeting would be September 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Outreach – Chair Jasleen Khangura shared the Outreach Committee held their first meeting and elected her chair and Kalyssa Ro as Vice Chair. Ms. Khangura shared they had created a schedule to create and post content promoting Rock Painting Night and Youth Summit.

Teen Wellness – Chair Tanvi Ijju shared the Teen Wellness Committee held their first meeting and elected her chair and Rithmika Naveen Vice Chair. Ms. Ijju stated that they had brainstormed various ideas for the Fall semester, including a finals study event in the Library Community Room or Rose Garden, presenting the results of last year's Mental Health Survey to the City Council, and hosting a Movie

Night at a school. Teen Wellness Committee Chair Tanvi Ijju shared that the committee also reviewed the various grant options from the Friday Night Live program, and chose the Preventing Underage Drinking Program grant to apply to.

10. Coordinator's Report

Mr. Fowler reminded everyone and reinforced the importance of promoting the Youth Summit. Mr. Fowler reminding everyone of the upcoming Volunteer Dinner on September 26 and took a count of who said they were attending.

11. Adjournment Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room

Youth Council Chair Advait Nair adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.