



# Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

## MINUTES

**Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022**

**3:30 to 5:00 pm**

**ZOOM**

**Present:** Abby Critelli, Aidan Bilon, Adam Roysten, Avari Watson, Azka Siddiqui, Bella Krick, Cameron Scott, Daniel Ferraro, Hinkal Patel, Issie Beraradi, 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, Kailey Webster, Beth Angle (staff)

### **1. Opening Exercise - Maddox and Adam**

Rock Paper Scissors Tournament

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

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lz-dj6vKWkqrqDIzyphKMo-ucNtfyBdfLC8b5ZOfNbg/edit?usp=sharing>

### **2. Midway Address by Beth**

This year has been very difficult. If any newer members need any clearing up on anything don't be afraid to ask for help!

Activity:

- What is the best thing you've seen this year?
- What is something that's troubled you/a question you still have?
- What is something you are looking forward to?

### **3. Adoption of Minutes February 2nd, 2022**

1. Adoption of minutes moved by Adam and seconded by Mack

### **4. Coldest Night of the Year Walk**

Shoutout to Cameron with his amazing contributions!



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Overall the event went well and will remain a MYAC staple. Next year we should aim to put more effort into raising funds.

## 5. Business Cards

Business cards have been created, 1:1 with students (For the most part)

Functions also as a giveaway.

Hopefully this will lead to an influx of followers on our Instagram page.

## 6. Sub-committee Updates & Next Meeting Dates

### a. JFF

- i. Co-Chairs - Mack and Adam
- ii. Possibility of looking into a virtual scavenger hunt/series of clues on our instagram story.
- iii. Possibility of a modern schoolapalooza between high schools this year.
  1. High schools love it, students hate it. It has been a challenge in the past, and there might not be enough lanning time to pull this event off well.
  2. Past events looked like zany olympics. This year could look more like a carnival/festival, could incorporate more food, student bands, and individual competitions without much overall competitiveness - Carnival/fun fair.
  3. Indoors works best for safety and tracking reasons, but may be less fun for students.
- iv. Next Meeting: March 7th, 2022

### b. Youth Voice

- i. Co-Chair - Hinkal
- ii. Opening speaker for STEM forum (March 30th, 2022) has been confirmed - Jessica Potts
  1. Myac moderators are needed to keep discussion in line. Reach out to Hinkal if interested.
  2. Speakers for each breakout room are in the process of being selected.
- iii. Next Meeting: March 4, 2022

### c. Giving Back



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- i. Co-Chair - Katie
- ii. Community Service competition.
- iii. Movie night at Fireman's Park on May 17th, 2022.
- iv. Charity Run group chat discussing first meeting.
- v. Next Meeting: TBD

## d. Green

- i. Co-Chairs - Maddox and Pranshu
- ii. Children's Memorial Garden
  - 1. Funding and designing underway.
- iii. GRN Goosechase has a group chat for planning.
  - 1. Send mission ideas in the group chat.
  - 2. City meeting soon will decide whether or not a city-wide event will run concurrently with the high school one.
- iv. Next Meeting: TBD

## e. Mental Health

- i. Co-Chair - Avary Watson
- ii. Art contest going out this week.
  - 1. Participate if you can.
  - 2. Art will be printed out on shirts and given to the first 50 people who sign up for the charity run
- iii. Short story contest is out as well
- iv. Academic success night coming up April 12th, 2022
  - 1. Includes a guest speaker and revolves around school pressure.
- v. Collaboration with GRN committee for meditation on Mother Earth Day on June 11th, 2022
- vi. Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 8th, 2022

## 7. OSTA-AECO Collaboration

Meeting of the minds event - Virtual event put on for a variety of youth leadership committees and teams and allowing them to network and discuss best business practices and every aspect of



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being a successful youth leader. Hopefully everyone will be able to join the event at the end of March.

Groups include:

Compass

React

Pathstone Youth Mental Health Committee

DSBN/NCDSB Senate

Etc

## 8. Adjournment

Adjournment moved by Shreedev and seconded by Tirth

Carried

Minutes taken by Steffen and Tirth

Contact them with any questions