

SELWYN YOUTH COUNCIL

Meeting of the **Selwyn Youth Council**
to be held at the **Selwyn Community House**
95 Rolleston Drive, Rolleston Community House
on **Wednesday 19th June**
commencing at **6:23pm**

Present

Chloe Duff, Madi Millar, Alan Li, Katelyn Twiss, Olivia Duder, Jonathan Schwass, Hannah Ireland, Meg Nelis, William Topham, Erana Riddell, Ethan Richards-White, Adia McKay, Michelle Bruce, Shay Robinson, Mayor Sam Broughton and Councilor Craig Watson.

Apologies

Councilor Murray Lemon and Naomi Scott.

Confirmation of apologies

Moved – Chloe / **Seconded** - Hannah

CARRIED

Identification of any urgent general business

Sam identified two items: the Selwyn Youth Council reporting to the District Council and Council templates.

Craig talked about Keep NZ Beautiful and the Youth Justice facility.

Further details are listed under agenda item 7.

Confirmation of previous minutes

Minutes of the Selwyn Youth Council held on Wednesday 15th May 2019 taken as read.

Moved – Erana / **Seconded** – Alan

‘That the minutes from the Wednesday 15th of May 2019 be confirmed’

CARRIED

Correspondence

No correspondence this week.

Financial Statement

Shay shared the current finances to date, and explained that as of July 1st, a new financial year begins and the account will be topped up.

Confirmation of financial statement

Moved – Jonno / **Seconded** – William

CARRIED

Agenda items

1. What do YOUTH think?

Liv gave feedback from the survey at Lincoln High School. They received 100 paper responses and 40 online responses to the survey. Overall, it was a great event with a good turnout, but they found that it was difficult at times to control the crowd.

The survey for Rolleston College has been postponed to the last week of term, (date to be confirmed by principal) and the Lincoln University survey has been rescheduled for July 15th. 'What do YOUTH think?' has been advertised on Instagram and Facebook and the online format will be open until the Lincoln University survey. This has been successful so far, having 170 responses already.

The Youth Council discussed whether to use the school email networks to reach a wider audience.

ACTION / OUTCOME

The online survey is to be shared online to the home-schooling network and to the Lincoln Students Association.

Shay will email Youth Council members for help when the date for the Lincoln University survey is locked in.

2. BOOST Posters

The Communications team from the Selwyn District Council has produced 2 of the BOOST Love posters and they are ready to be placed around Selwyn libraries, public spaces and schools.

ACTION / OUTCOME

Anyone wanting to pass on photos (jpg) for the next rotation of posters can pass them on to Madi.

3. Have a go days

The 'Have a go days' have been scheduled for the upcoming school holidays. A scholarship writing/cv writing workshop is planned to take place on the 8th or 9th of July, potentially in the evening at libraries around the district.

A chef from the Burnham LVS has been in contact and has volunteered to run a practical cooking class for youth and we plan to take him up on his offer for the 2nd week of the holidays (July 19th) using school cooking classrooms or community centres.

A photographer specializing in flying drones has also volunteered to run a workshop on photography and flying drones which we are planning for the 2nd week of the holidays also. This workshop will have limited numbers.

ACTION / OUTCOME

We will plan to contact scholarship advisors from Lincoln University and Canterbury University to help facilitate the scholarship/cv writing workshop.

Shay is to contact libraries in the district about weaving classes already taking place. Meg is to attend meeting with Shay and libraries staff about using library facilities for the workshops.

Jonno will be designing a poster to market the 'Have a go days', which we will display in schools, on the Facebook page and on the Taumutu Instagram and Facebook through Adia.

4. Selwyn Spring Show

The Selwyn Spring Show are happy to accommodate the Youth Council and have provided us with a site. We discussed how it could be good timing to hand out the wellbeing survey. A popular idea was donuts with a donation towards a charity or trust. Sam is planning on buying a donut machine and is willing to hire it out to us for the show. We have the opportunity to purchase a snapchat filter for the show but this will cost \$140 and be limited to the area of the show.

The show will take place on the last Saturday in the October school holidays, in Leeston. Shay will be away during this time.

5. Selwyn Youth Event fund

William, as our representative on the Creative Communities Fund, has brought this to us. Unfortunately, they were unable to fund the Parenting Place Charitable Trust – Attitude, but the Selwyn Youth Council have been given the opportunity to grant this request for \$2000. When we discussed the idea, it was a unanimous decision, everyone had fantastic opinions about the Attitude talks and we all agreed this would be a great use of the budget and have granted the request for funding of \$2000.

ACTION / OUTCOME

When we discussed the idea, it was a unanimous decision, everyone had fantastic opinions about the Attitude talks and we all agreed this would be a great use of the budget and have granted the request for funding of \$2000.

The Youth Council request that the funds remaining in youth event fund be carried over to be spent by the Youth Council in the next financial year.

Moved - Michelle / **Seconded** - Meg

CARRIED

6. SADD (Students Against Dangerous Driving)

We have received an email request from SADD, who are a nation-wide, school-based organization promoting safe driving. Katelyn is a national leader. SADD wanted to know if we would be interested in helping them to promote good driving in Selwyn.

The Selwyn District Council's Road Safety Committee (meeting on the 25th July) would like a youth voice on their group. We also have the potential to link SADD to the road safety committee in the future.

ACTION / OUTCOME

We will show our support for SADD by a post on our Facebook page.

Two Youth Council members can volunteer to come along to the next Road Safety Committee meeting (on 25th July).

Shay will reply to SADD on behalf of the Youth Council.

7. Messages from Sam & Craig

Sam raised two items: reporting to council and council templates

Sam encouraged us to set two dates to report to the District Council and we decided on August and December (2nd Wednesday of the month).

We then discussed how we would like to see the reports in the District Council include a segment on the implications for youth.

We request that the reporting template be modified to include implications for youth in the report.

Moved – Adia / Seconded - Erana

CARRIED

Craig talked about the Youth Justice facility that has requested some members of the Youth Council have a tour around the facilities and take part in a conversation of meeting together, understanding the system and of integration of residents back into the community. We are very keen to do this. Shay mentioned she would contact them.

Craig also mentioned that he had been approached by Keep NZ Beautiful, who are looking to set up a branch in Selwyn. They have a focus on plantings, clean up days, rubbish and pose the potential to fund in the upcoming financial year. The opportunity for youth representation on their committee is also present. It is a fantastic, national organization looking for youth involvement.

General business

Katelyn is heading to Wellington as a part of the Youth Parliament. She is part of a select committee on youth and civil engagement. She will be giving a general speech in chambers.

Sam brought latest data and they show good figures for Selwyn, which showed affordable housing and tourism on the rise.

Emily and Chloe have finished their assessment, which they interviewed the Youth Council for. Chloe can put assessment on the Facebook page.

Meeting closed at 7:27pm.

Next meeting Wednesday 17th July 2019 Greenpark Community Centre (Lincoln) 5:00-8:00pm

Photos are planned for the next meeting, so please wear your hoodies!