

MINUTES
YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING
19 OCTOBER 2005

Present:

Apologies: Patricia (lateness), Jay, Kane, Motu, Charles, Olo, Taulima

Present:

Ioana Gordon-Smith	St Mary's College
Scott McLeod	Working class
Sally Anderson	Wellington East Girl's
Josh Mitikulena	Onslow College
Nicholas Chan	Wellington College
Sarah Hitchings	Queen Margaret College
Laura Hubbard	Queen Margaret College
Suhanya Joseph	Wellington Girl's College
Amy Hadfield	Wellington Girl's College
Libbe McCarthy	Wellington Girl's College
Ollie Goulden	Tawa College
Jaz Rongokea	St Catherine's College
Rita Jajjo	St Catherine's College
Jenna Raeburn	Samuel Marsden School

In attendance:

Councillor Hayley Wain	Wellington City Council
Joella Wright	Wellington City Council
David Daniela	Wellington City Council

Agenda Items

MYD Questionnaire

Scott gave the Youth Councillors Ministry of Youth Development Questionnaires about being a Youth Councillor, involving questions about our commitments, likes/dislikes and suggestions.

Youth Grants

Councillor Hayley Wain, the Chair of the Grants Committee, spoke about the Council's \$3 million annual budget for community grants. The grants are structured into either contestable or non-contestable (non-contestable grants include long-term contracts for the Fire Service, or St Johns). The pool of contestable grant funds is smaller, including youth grants of \$200,000. At the moment there is \$97,000 available. Councillor Hayley Wain asked if the Youth Council might be interested in applying for a grant as an umbrella organization, since they are for specific projects and we don't have enough time to make one for ourselves.

NS-X Youth event

Scott reported about the Newlands Intermediate touch and streeball event held last Saturday. The event was a success with up to 150 people attending.

End of year function

The Youth Councillors were urged to think of ideas for the Christmas function at the end. The most popular idea was Josh's, to close off a few floors of Council buildings, turn off the lights, lock important doors and play spotlight. Everyone thought it was an excellent idea.

Youth Council review

The Youth Council continued its overview of our purpose and structure to achieve these aims. The Mission Statement everyone agreed with (13 of 13 present) is: "To represent the Youth of Wellington City and encourage youth development." Youth Council understands that it is important to find the balance between having too vague a Mission Statement and having one which attempts to cover everything and thus runs the risk of missing or misrepresenting one of our more specific objectives. The current established objectives of the Youth Council are:

- representing Youth (to WCC and other youth organizations)
- dissemination of information
- running/planning free events for youth in Wellington.

ACTION:

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in discussing the specifics of the Youth Council objectives between now and the next official meeting. Youth Councillors are urged to e-mail Councillor Hayley Wain if they will attend or not.

This meeting finished at 5.55 pm

Next youth council meeting:

Wednesday 16th November 2005

Committee Room 2, Ground floor, Wellington City Council

4pm – 6pm