

**CITY OF BELLEVUE
YOUTH LINK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

October 13, 2021
6:00-8:00 p.m.

via Zoom

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Co-Chairs Devika Vyas and Natalie Sarabosing; Boardmembers Rachel Doyle, Neo Hou, Rachel Karpf, Lauren Lambert¹, Richard Li, Irfan Madhani, Priyanka Mukhara, Manish Nadendla, Melisa Shafiee, Mia Trenbeath, Candace Warner

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Forshaw², Rosy Mendoza

STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Alina, Angela Phan

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Francine Wiest

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Vyas at 6:02 p.m. A quorum was present. A Land Acknowledgement was read by Mr. Alina, as well as the Zoom meeting guidelines.

Timekeeper: Melisa Shafiee

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Boardmember Sarabosing and second by Boardmember Marquez to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (12-0).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Postponed until the next Board meeting.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

¹ Late arrival.

² Excused absence.

5. REPORTS:

A. Council Liaison Update

No report.

B. Bellevue School Board Liaison Update

Dr. Wiest, Bellevue School Board Liaison, congratulated Natalie Sarabosing on being elected the Youth Link Board Youth Co-Chair. She discussed Bellevue's five goals. She also asked Youth Boardmembers the following questions:

- What are some of the skills that you think are important and how can BSD nurture them?

Youth Boardmembers provided responses to the question above.

C. Bellevue Youth Council Report

Mr. Alina welcomed Angela Phan as the new Youth Link Program RECTech.

On behalf of the BYC, Mr. Alina provided the following report:

- The October 6, 2021 BYC meeting and Action Team meeting was held. The October 20, 2021 meeting has been reschedule to October 27, 2021.
- There will be a COVID vaccine information session on October 22, 2021.

D. Staff Report

Mr. Alina provided the following staff report:

- The following is the Youth Link school outreach schedule:
 - 1st & 3rd Monday – Interlake High School
 - 2nd & 4th Monday – Sammamish High School
 - 1st & 3rd Wednesday – Bellevue middle schools (Odle, Highland, Tyee, Tillicum, Chinook)
 - 2nd & 4th Wednesday – Big Picture School, International School, and private schools
- “Hate Has No Home Here” signs are available in the Youth Link office.

E. Eastside Pathways Update

No report.

6. TEAM BUILDING:

Boardmember Trenbeath conducted a Team Building activity.

7. STUDY SESSION ITEMS:

A. Youth Link Special Events

Mr. Alina discussed the 2021-2022 Youth Link Special events including:

- Unity Through Diversity
- Gumbo Night
- 2022 Youth Involvement Conference
- 32nd Community Leadership Awards

Mr. Alina clarified that all events are dependent on COVID restrictions.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Alina reviewed the 2021-2022 Working Agreements. Boardmembers requested that the following addendum be added:

- Strive to create genuine connections and build relationship during time on the board.
- Be patient and ask questions.
- Keep in mind the importance of dialogue, listening, being ok to be uncomfortable.
- Take into account COVID related protocols such as mask requirements and social distancing.

Mr. Alina also highlighted the following items:

- 2021-2022 Youth Link Board Retreat Notes
- Strategic Planning Notes

9. ACTION ITEMS:

The Youth Link Subcommittees were discussed by Mr. Alina. The following are the Boardmember committee assignments:

- Marketing Committee:
Boardmembers Warner, Sarabosing, and Vyas
- Strategic Partnerships:
Boardmembers Karpf, Li, Desai, Mukhara, and Lambert

Motion by Boardmember Warner and second by Boardmember Sarabosing to approve the Youth Link Board Subcommittees as discussed. Motion carried unanimously (13-0).

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Phan encouraged Boardmembers to help stock the current Food Pantry. She is also looking for an additional location for a Food Pantry.

There was general consensus to approve the additional Food Pantry.

Motion by Boardmember Karpf and second by Boardmember Desai to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (13-0).