

## **Meeting #1 13/10/23**

**Regrets:** *Abbie Byrnes*, *Rowan Blanch*, *Leah Brunt*, *Tomas Sigtryggsson*, *Peter Sigtryggsson*, *Matthias Mayhew*.

**Present:** *Ava Crocker*, *Kiahna Brennan*, *Harmoni Caldwell*, *Kennedy Allen*, *Kennedy Newman*, *Alison Jones*.

## **Agenda**

*Territorial Acknowledgement (Sharon Bristol, (3:15pm))*

### 1. Call to Order

1.1 approval of agenda

1.2 approval of minutes

Motion to continue Kennedy Allen, seconded by Kiahna Brennan (3:15pm)

### 2.

2.1 Youth Summit, november 24, CCUBIC, 10-2pm (TENTATIVE)

Goals and Outcomes (REFER TO HANDOUT), Presentation from Mallory Klooster. Any feedback can be directed to Mallory or Sharon Bristol.

Input for the day of, Inviting service providers (invitee list), how can we keep youth in amherst. Next meeting discuss with whole group our pros and cons.

2.1.1 Priorities for 2023/2024

What are our priorities for this year? Last year was food insecurity, what do we want to this year? Think on it

### 2.1.2 Christmas/Holiday celebrations

Multi-cultural parade (weekend of the 17th November)

Boston tree. Who can help? Sharon will send an email with further details.

-Kiahna Brennan

H-Ava

-Harmony

-Kennedy Allen(?)

-Kennedy N (?)

### 2.1.3 Follow up to Council Recommendations

If possible the AYTC would like the town council to increase the budget for money given to organizations to combat food insecurity.

## 3. Meeting schedule

Twice a month.

What day of the week would work best for people? Doodle Poll will be sent.

What time of day would work best for people? **After school** or Evening?

## 4. Adjournment

Ava motioned to Adjourn (3:35pm)

**Amherst Youth Summit November 2023- November 24<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Location: CCUBIC- book space**

**Time: 10-2PM tentative**

**GOALS/OUTCOMES:**

1. Understanding challenges and opportunities towards community youth engagement
  - learning more about what young people experience in the places they spend time
  - figuring what could be changed to make those places better
  - providing young people with the skills and knowledge to make that positive change
  - understanding how to connect with adults and others as allies
  - equip them with skills and supports to be effective youth leaders.

**Presenters/ Facilitators:** Hailie Tattrie, AYTC (Rowan Blanch), Nova Scotia Secondary School Students' Association (NSSSA)

2. Educate adults about the needs and potential of young people in their community
  - understanding how to provide safe welcoming space for youth to connect
  - energize communities efforts to support young people
  - strengthening network of supportive adults

**Presenters/Facilitators:** Janelle Tattrie, Bailey Chapman, Jennifer Furlong, Jason Blanch?, UPLIFT?

**PROGRAM MODEL**

1. **Presentation**

Inform people about developmental asset framework and to motivate people to be asset builders in their person and professional lives.  
Give practical ideas to adults so they can help build assets in the young people around them.
2. **Activities**
  - A. For youth:** Asset building activities, what supports do they need? (as icebreaker?),
  - B. For adults:** What skills (assets) they hope to see? What supports they offer? (as icebreaker?)
  - C.** Bring icebreakers together to showcase the abilities of youth and how they can be supported in the community.
3. **Wall boards-** safe place for youth to share ideas and adults to read followed by larger group discussion?

**Questions:** what would make them want to take action in their communities?, What challenges do they face to getting involved? What opportunities do they want to have? What do they value?

4. **Informal Break Out Groups** to learn more about what young people want and need in their community to be involved- provide snacks/lunch at this time? Have ice breaking questions at the tables?

**Question Examples:**

What made you feel valued when you were young?

What makes a good leader?

What does a safe space look like for you?

5. **Wrap Up Session**

Offer space for people to share what was talked about over lunch-anything stand out?

Wrap up presentation

**INVITEES In Person and Virtual Options**

Youth and Schools	Adults
ARHS students grade 9 through 12 and staff	Mayor and council (Amherst, Oxford and County)
EB Chandler Grade 7-8 classes and staff	IPRAC Committee
CCYDC participants and staff	Cumberland Chamber of Commerce
YMCA Youth and staff	SchoolsPlus
Springhill Junior Senior High School Grade 7-12	NSCC
CANU? Participants 18-25	Autism NS
Pugwash District High School	Little League Coaches and other teams
	Courtney Nicholson Patriquin
	Churches?

## **Meeting #2 01/11/23**

**Time: 3:15**

**Regrets:** Kennedy Allen, Leah Brunt, Harmoni Caldwell, Mathias Mayhew,

**Present:** Rowan Blanch, Kiahna Brennan, Abbie Byrnes, Allison Jones, Kennedy Newman, Tomas Sigtryggsson

**Call to order** (Rowan at 3:16pm)

-Land acknowledgement

**Approval of agenda** (3:17 pm)

Motion to continue: Kiahna Brennan

Seconded: Abbie Byrnes

**Approval of Minutes** (3:18)

### **Discussion Items**

- Food insecurity. Recap of what we've done last year, gathering information on how it affects our community. A report was written and presented to the Town Council, we have not heard back. Thoughts on reaching out to check in. We asked for an annual budgeted amount to be donated to the organizations (after the school bell, etc)
- Babysitting.  
Mayor brought up problems with childcare for medical professionals moving to town. How we can find babysitters. It could be some sort of program with the town. Two babysitters get paired together and matched with a family who is in their area, walking distance five-ten minutes tops. Also should be given enough support and resources to manage this. Link babysitters to people. Maybe talk to Allison Watson.

-Appointal to town committees

Active members from AYTC on town committees, to bring information to and from these committees. We have to change our policy.

Rowan Blanch would like to Motion to change the AYTC policy to reflect the appointment of the AYTC members to the town of amherst committees of PRAC, IDE, and Accessibilty.

Abbie seconded

-Winter events

Winter events

Friday Nov 17, 2023 , Light up

Volunteers: Kiahna Brennan ,

Saturday Nov 18, 2023 , Parade

Volunteers: Kiahna Brennan, Kennedy Newman, Abbie Byrnes

Sunday Nov 19, 2023 , Boston tree sendoff

Volunteers: Kennedy Newman (maybe?), Tomas Sigtryggsson (maybe?),

Please Reply to this email which days you are available to volunteer at any of these events!!

### **Future Meetings**

Our meeting dates for this year will be November 15, November 29, December 13.

Writing report: Kiahna and Abbie will trade off on doing

### **Meeting adjourned (3:50pm)**

Rowan Motioned

Kiahna seconded

