

Belmont Youth Commission meeting

January 13, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Attendees

Gavin Farrell, Joanna Tzouvelis, Heidi Wickersham, Ellie Lesser, Anya Chen, Agnes Shen and Claire Svetkey

December Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the December 9, 2021 were unanimously approved.

Public Participation

Only one member of public was present but she did not speak

Community Input Survey

Joanna gave feedback, recommended adding, "Social interaction opportunities" or "Social Events" under the top needs for families.

Heidi will share form in Google doc for others to edit over the weekend.

Gavin will finalize draft next week.

Discussed process for getting the survey out to the public.

Heidi asked how much authority Belmont Youth Commission has to make decisions.

Gavin said we function independently of the town departments

We are connected through health dept and soon rec dept

Health dept doesn't have authority to tell youth commission what to do.

Ellie suggested sharing a QR code for the survey during the town's vaccination clinics.

Gavin said he will follow up with Maria in the Health Department to see if it's feasible

Once it's final, will share on Facebook (Belmont Youth Commission, Belmont Parents, Belmont Community Chat, etc).

Gavin will let Brandon know we are sending it out

Will also ask Superintendent to include survey in his newsletter and have Belmont Public Schools send it out to all their list serves.

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Ellie will talk to Belmont Wellness Coalition about sharing survey with their group.

Belmont Times

Anya Chen gave a presentation about the online magazine and how it could collaborate with the Belmont Youth Commission.

It's a virtual magazine for students in first through seventh grade, edited, managed and created by a group of Belmont High students called Belmont Youth Writers.

The website is Belmonttimes.com

Belmont Youth Commission could help sponsor prizes and the platform subscription for Yumpu as well as photo cards to promote the magazine. In return, Belmont Times would give free advertising to Belmont Youth Commission.

The two groups can also hold joint events together

Belmont Youth Commission could help Belmont Times gain more writers and artists

Motion made by Joanna for Belmont Youth Commission to become a fiscal sponsor and partner of Belmont Times

Heidi seconded motion.

Unanimously approved.

Belmont Wellness Coalition

Ellie will invite Lisa who leads the Belmont Wellness Coalition to a future meeting to talk about how Belmont Youth Commission can collaborate with them

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.