



November 18, 2021 5:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

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Summary of Conversation Topics

- CYC Updates
- Transition House Language Justice Plan
- Language Justice Updates
- Plain Language Writing Guide

Present:

Chair: Mayor Siddiqui

Members: Tina Alu, Susan Breen, ~~Hiba Eddarif, Christine Elow, Bob Gittens, Michelle Godfrey~~, Kim Goldstein, ~~Victoria Greer~~, Irene Hill, Liz Hill, ~~Mike Johnston~~, David Kale, Christine Kim, Michelle Lower, Alanna Mallon, Maria McCauley, ~~Geeta Pradhan~~, Bridget Rodriguez, Ellen Semonoff, Tagesech Wabeto, Ayesha Wilson

Executive Director: Nancy Tauber

Find It Manager: Andrew Liedtka

Cambridge Youth Council (CYC) Coordinator: Ty Ruwe

CYC Members: Sophie Goldman, Miranda Santiago, Mohammad Jihad, Jonathhan Akbari, Salma Boukouj, Sarisha Ray

Guests: Shayla Simmons, Lyndsay Pinkus-Brown, Crystal Rosa, Robin Harris, Ester Serra Luque, Kate Thurman, Rohan Kundargi, Pauline Wells, Elena Sokolow-Kaufman

5:15 Meeting Starts

Welcome & Agenda Overview

Family Policy Council Business

- Adoption of Minutes (October 21 2021)
 - Unanimously adopted
- Public Comment
- Announcements:
 - Derrick Neal is the new Chief Public Health Officer
- CYC Updates
 - MBTA Subcommittee
 - Want to partner with MBTA


- Goal - Increase accessibility for students to obtain reduced bus passes apart from those who qualify for free and reduced lunch seeing as though transportation equity is a huge issue in Cambridge.
- Researching what other cities are doing (Somerville and Boston)
- Notes for CYC
 - The Mayor and Vice Mayor would like to work with CYC on a MBTA free bus pilot.

Mental Health Subcommittee

- Reviewing the most recent Teen Health Survey to help develop project ideas
- Then they will get youth input regarding the ideas and work with other student groups
- Idea - Create a mental health room at the high school
- Notes for CYC
 - Talk to the Bridge program at CRLS
- Fundraiser
 - Last year CYC changed the fundraiser model due to COVID.
 - They partnered with the Black Student Union and Cambridge Community Foundation to raise funds for 12 organizations in Cambridge.
 - They will continue this new model.
 - Cambridge Community Foundation has committed to matching the donations up to \$5,000.
 - The fundraiser will take place during the same time as last year (MLK Day-Valentine's Day)
 - They will pick organizations that support the unhoused population here in Cambridge.


Transition House Language Justice Plan

Ester Serra Luque

 Transition House Language Justice Plan 11-18-21

Plain Language Writing Guide (Presentation, Breakout Group Activity and Discussion)

Nancy Tauber and Crystal Rosa

 PLAIN LANGUAGE Presentation

Small Groups

- Introductions: Ask everyone to say their name, pronouns, and relationship to the Family Policy Council.
- What was your first job?
- Edit the Flyer on Side 15: How would you transform this flyer into a plain language flyer?

Next Steps

- Next Meeting - Thursday **January 20** (5:15-7:15)

7:00: **Adjourn**

