

MANAWATU DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES VIA ZOOM

16 NOVEMBER 2020

Meeting commenced: 7:00pm

Present:

- Nine youth council members
- Heather Gee-Taylor
- Barbara Bowling
- Eric Schuster
- Shane Casey
- Emma Haxton
- Sonia Griffin

Apologies:

Meeting Notes:

1. Emma Haxton
 - Project: Eastern Central Community Trust
 - o Discuss what would help in Manawatu
 - o Youth action plan
 - o Meeting four times, have had one meeting – one to be in Dec, Feb and late March
 - o Key things coming out:
 - Two members in Palmerston North
 - Wanting to connect with people from Manawatu
 - Difference between Palmerston North and Feilding
 - Issues:
 - Isolation: wanting to connect to other communities
 - Transport challenges, especially in rural areas
 - Wanting to leave home etc
 - Lack of mentors
 - Lack of reason to remain in these areas, unless farming
 - o Conversation with Emma is very similar to the conversation we have been having with Sonia – very similar themes
 - o Youth services; sexual health, family health, etc
 - o Funding opportunities is not restricted to anything – very open to all ideas and concepts and where youth see the need for investment
 - o Two funding options: short funding/small projects - \$50k and longer term projects.

2. Sonia Griffin
 - Youth Action Plan
 - Language has been an issue: too adulty – needs to be comprehensionable to students
 - Some amendments to the youth action plan
 - Employment opportunities discussed
 - Actions unsigned: advocate the locally delivered programs
 - Mentoring program: remove the stress from counselling waitlist
 - About having district wide resources rather than regional ones
 - Good start to the action plan – needs to continue working through the actions – to be more business-like also

3. Successful Manawatu Youth Council Applicants
 - To be updated in the future

4. End of Year Catch Up
 - Sarah has organized catering
 - Planning on being at Timona Park – 5:45pm
 - Country Calendar?
 - Might discuss what we would like to apply money for – Eastern Central Community Trust
 - Do we want a bigger council for next year?
 - Subcommittee?

5. Accomplishment versus achievement
 - Definitions

6. Seminar at Library
 - Attendance: Olivia and Tegan to go and represent Youth Council

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT TIMONA PARK, MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER @ 5:45PM

Meeting adjourned: 8:12pm