

■ ST. CHARLES YOUTH COMMISSION ■

Monday, November 2, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

D. Clavelli – Youth Commissioner, Treasurer*	J. Burden, STC PD*
J. Diorio – Youth Commissioner	E. Mahan, STC PD
C. Hime – Youth Commissioner*	J. Keegan, Chief of Police
D. Kelly – Youth Commissioner*	R. Rogina, Mayor
L. Kristofer – Youth Commissioner, Secretary*	STC Aldermen
J. Muenz – Youth Commissioner, Chair*	M. Koenen, City Administrator
D. Saylor – Youth Commissioner*	J. Bruggeman, STC Park District*
J. Stock – Youth Commissioner*	N. Chaney, STC Library
M. Weick – Youth Commissioner*	J. O’Neal, TriCity*
C. Wiese – Youth Commissioner*	P. Palagi, D303*

*Attended meeting

- I. Meeting called to order @ 6:02 p.m.
- II. Secretary’s Report
 - A. Approval of the minutes from the October 2020 meeting – Commissioner Kelly motioned, seconded by Commissioner Stock. Motion carried unanimously
- III. Treasurer’s Report – Donna Clavelli
 - A. Balance is \$11,000.
- IV. Correspondence – none
- V. Presentations – none
- VI. Reports
 - A. Liaison Reports
 - i. D303 – Patti Palagi
 - a. At the time of meeting, all students were back in school.
 - b. The district was offering in person, fully remote, and hybrid learning options.
 - c. The district hosted a Parent University to introduce parents to the different technologies being used including Seesaw, Schoology, and Google.
 - d. The *Wake Up Call* presentation was rescheduled for Feb 2, 2021.
 - e. An online option was implemented for students and parents to alert staff when support is needed for middle schoolers and high schoolers.
 - f. One of the main goals of the district is to keep kids safe, happy, and healthy.
 - g. Free lunch info is on the D303 website. This opportunity can be utilized by anyone in the community. There are set locations where families can pick up meals. This is being utilized in a variety of ways by many families. Use the following link to acquire more information: [D303 Meal distribution](#).
 - ii. Park District – Jennifer Bruggeman
 - a. Santa events are coming up, but these will be different than in the past. In one option, Santa will deliver pizza, a cookie, and a craft to your car at

PCC. Zoom calls can also be customized to your family. At the time of the meeting, the Park District was looking for a Santa who can speak Spanish.

- b. The Teen Center has visitors every day. Masks are required.
 - c. Seasonal preschool crafts and activities have been put together for families who are not comfortable with in person programming.
- iii. Police Department – Jim Burden
- a. A couple of consumption of alcohol by minor tickets have been issued.
 - b. The SROs have not had much info to share. At the time of our meeting, kids reportedly looked happy to be back at school and seemed to be adjusting well to in person learning. Additionally, a couple of vaping tickets were issued at St Charles East.
- iv. Library Programs – absent
- v. TriCity Family Services – Jules O’Neal
- a. TCFS has been very busy. Staff is back in person one day a week. Many prefer in person counseling sessions.
 - b. Trivia night is coming up. The virtual event will be \$20 a person. six people max can participate per team. Information on the Trivia Night fundraiser can be viewed at: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=o2jmyT>.
 - c. Nov. 14th is the date for Trek. This used to be called “Chick Chat.” Upcoming session is for 6th grade. It will be facilitated via zoom. Fee to participate is \$10.
 - d. TCFS is looking for therapists as there is a shortage.

B. Outreach Sub-Committee Report

- i. A Youth Commission update was recently published in the *The Den* with social media post(s) to follow.
- ii. The Youth Commission would like to feature an update from STC Learn, a recently funded organization, in the near future.

C. Student Consultant Committee Report

- i. This group met in person on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at the Police Station with one student attending virtually. The main topic of discussion was about the high school being back in the classroom and listened to how that is going.
- ii. Students reported their classmates tend to be quieter over zoom. Conversations in classrooms are valuable.
- iii. Students reported feeling safe with mask wearing was going well although this is harder to enforce in PE. Teachers try to keep on top of this.
- iv. Learning in person has been an interesting experience for freshman who have not had orientation opportunities. Everyone seems to be pitching in to help the new students feel comfortable.
- v. Google Classroom at North has been communicating more info regarding mental health resources. Students seem to know they are able to reach counselors to make appointments for in the future.
- vi. Private school services - classroom teachers provide support in this setting as part of the ever-growing roles teachers have to assume.

- vii. Student consultants agree support givers have to be “relatable” in order to be taken seriously.
- viii. In the colder fall and winter months, students report communicating through video gaming and in small in person gatherings with groups that are deemed “safe” will be the norm.
- ix. Student consultants are willing to help with the display window when this is allowed again.
- x. Students prefer in person learning and feel teachers are better at building rapport face to face.
- xi. There may be a difference in the way things are communicated at East and North. North is utilizing Google Classroom to share information with students in a way our East student consultants are not familiar with.

VII. Old Business

A. Discussion on Community Parent Education Initiative

- i. Chairperson Muenz summarized previous discussions about this topic.
- ii. The D303 Parent University programs reach many parents in this group so our efforts would serve to enhance instead of repeat information.
- iii. At a previous meeting, Commissioner Clavelli volunteered to sit in on the D303 Early Childhood meetings. She can act as a liaison to the group if timing allows.
- iv. Patti Palagi suggested Youth Commissioners may want to look at ways to sponsor programs that help parents navigate this challenging time.
- v. Any commissioners interested in forming a sub-committee to work on this, please let Jayme know.

B. Update on Display Windows

- i. No window updates are being scheduled at this time due to COVID-19.

C. Ongoing marketing – none

D. Impact Award

- i. Keep the nominations coming! There are a couple of students who still need to be honored from last spring and there is at least one new recommendation.
- ii. The goal is to recognize these individuals at a City Council meeting in person when the option becomes available.

VIII. New Business

A. Funding Requests

- ii. St. Charles Park District – Commissioner Clavelli made a motion to approve the full amount of request for \$2,825.00. Commissioner Saylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Announcements

- A. Sara Cass issued reminder that masks are available at police station for all youth commissioners.

X. Public Comment – none

XI. Adjournment

- A. Commissioner Stock made a motion to adjourn at 7:09 p.m.; Commissioner Weick seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

The next Youth Commission meeting will be Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Lara Kristofer, Youth Commissioner