

**Upper St. Clair Youth Steering Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 13, 2021**

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Jennifer Bowen, Vice Chair.

**In Attendance:** Jennifer Bowen, Lynn Walcoff (Twp. Representative), Dan Beck (SD Representative), Lynn Boucek, Jeff Krantz, Amy Billerbeck, Rob Shontz, Shane Williams, Prianka Palayekar, Eva Rankin, and Angela Petersen.  
(Apologies if anyone was missed or your name is misspelled; tracking on-line attendance is challenging! Please let me know.)

**Welcome**

Those in attendance provided brief introductions for the benefit of a few new student attendees.

**Meeting Minutes:** Approval of past minutes (September and December 2020; the October 2020 was a presentation) was deferred.

**Student Representative Updates**

The students shared experiences about 'remote' and 'in-school' learning. There was a brief discussion of the student excitement about the new model for reopening school.

**Safe Driving Presentation – NJM Insurance Group**

Jenn reported that the "Share the Keys" presentation is scheduled for the regular March 10, 2021 YSC meeting with a tentative morning program on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Dan indicated that PTSO and PAC meeting virtual attendance has been good; the group consensus was to secure the March 11<sup>th</sup> presentation. Amy volunteered to coordinate 'advertising' with Tina Vojtko at the School District.

**Elementary PALS - Update**

Rob and Shane advised that they were anticipating a start of the program at Streams Elementary at the beginning of the second semester of school. A discussion followed the explanation of a 'matching form' survey to pair a high school mentor with the elementary student. The Guidance Department has been very helpful with the student selections. A Disclaimer is being prepared regarding the match process and necessary privacy statements. All were complimentary about the thoughtful effort that has gone into the development of PALS; hopefully this will be a good pilot program that will lead to expansion to the other District elementary buildings.

**Strategic Planning Meeting**

Jenn provided a summary of the activities at the Strategic Planning Meeting. A discussion followed regarding potential/suggested modifications of the Committee's Objectives. By-Laws are going to be updated to reflect the current initiatives and direction of YSC. All were invited to make comments and offer modifications via Google Docs.

**New Business**

Upcoming YSC meetings – Those in attendance engaged in some positive brainstorming that resulted in the following: February will be a general meeting, held virtually. All were encouraged to encourage a friend to attend; the desire is to stir interest in the community and possibly solicit new members. March is already scheduled for the “Share the Keys” program. The presentation of the Natural Helpers program and survey results was selected to be the April YSC meeting program. Dan will make the appropriate contacts with High School Guidance. USC TODAY Magazine – Jenn is working on an article for the next issue of the magazine.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Petersen