



Youth Futures Council Records of Discussion

May 22nd, 2018, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m AST

In Attendance:

Olivia Batten
Alex Dalton (via Zoom)
Emma Huestis
Robert Larsen (via Zoom)

Nicole Mountain (via Zoom)
John Ployer
Moirra Shaw

Ex-Officio: Alicia Bruce
Ex-Officio: Brad Colwill
Ex-Officio: Charlotte
Campbell

Welcome

The meeting commenced at 6:00pm with a welcome and round-table introduction of members and special guests, Mitchell Murphy and Derek McEwen from the Department of Education, Early Learning and Culture.

Curriculum Presentation

Mitchell Murphy and Derek McEwen joined the first half of the meeting to discuss curriculum and experiential learning in secondary institutions. They provided an overview of current offerings in the schools including: External Credits, Independent Study, Holland College Transitions, Academy Diploma Program, Summer School, Distance Education and Duel Credits. There was also discussion surrounding co-op placements, My Plan, My Blueprint, IB Program and the CEO course to assist students with post secondary and employment readiness.

The Council had the opportunity to discuss student awareness of the programs and how they could be further promoted to students; the availability of each of the offerings in various institutions, especially in rural schools; and how the CEO curriculum could be updated to include topics pertinent to youth such as tax information, loan information, student debt, rental agreements, etc., to ensure students are set up for success after high school. Council members were particularly interested in ensuring efforts to engage students in the use of the MyPlan program extend beyond the CEO course into mentorship offerings at schools or integration into curriculum in grades 11 and 12.

Communications

Communications and Public Engagement will be meeting with the YFC Communications Sub-Committee in the coming weeks to discuss ways to improve the Council's communication initiatives. More thought will be put into sharing content and stories on-line as well as developing life skills videos.

Life Skills

A request for interest will be sent out to local filmmakers who could help the Council create the life skills videos. Alicia shared that the videos may be able to be included as curriculum for the SEAM and STAR programs.

Repatriation

The survey for Islanders Living Away that was released back in March yielded close to 700 responses. Once the report is finalized it will be shared with the Council.

Get to Know Your Council

The *Get to Know your Council* initiative was put into motion recently following a recommendation at a previous meeting to share more YFC stories. The Council is encouraged to participate by sharing their bios online through a social media platform of their choice.

Youth Secretariat Act

At the last Youth Futures Council meeting a draft piece of legislation was circulated to the Council regarding a new Youth Secretariat Act. The Council reviewed the document and compiled a list of questions which have since been sent to MLA Sidney MacEwen for further clarification. Once the questions are responded to they will be circulated to the Council. The Council voiced they would like the opportunity to view the final draft and learn more about the intention of the document and when it may be tabled in the legislature.

YDAY

The Council expressed interest in having a 3rd YDAY. Further discussion on YDAY to come at the next meeting.

Other Updates

Council member Taya Nabuurs recently accepted a position with the Department of Workforce and Advanced Learning and as a result has stepped down from the Council. The Council thanks Taya for her contributions over the past 2 years and looks forward to working with her in other capacities.

Adjournment

Decision: The next meeting will be held mid-June (via-Zoom) to devise a work plan for the next few months.