

The regular meeting of the **Princeton Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)** will be held on Thursday, January 6th at 6:30 pm via Zoom. See login instructions on the YAC Thursday, January 6th meeting notice.

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## **AGENDA**

*PLEASE NOTIFY YAC CHAIR, SOORYA BALIGA, IN ADVANCE IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND TO ENSURE WE HAVE A QUORUM*

This is to affirm that the regularly scheduled meeting of the Princeton Youth Advisory Committee has been duly advertised and is being conducted in compliance with all provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

1. Call to order
  - a. Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Soorya
  - b. Roll call/attendance
  - c. Members present:
    - i. Rohan Sheth
    - ii. Christopher Bao
    - iii. Nicolas Maya
    - iv. Shamus Madan
    - v. Soorya A. Baliga
    - vi. Charlie Ross
    - vii. Eric Xie
  - d. Council Liaison:
    - i. Leticia Fraga
  - e. Police Liaison:
    - i.
2. Public comment
  - a. Survey about transportation distributed to high schoolers (Adrian Serieyssl)
3. Guest speakers
  - a. Representative from HiTOPS?
4. Review of past minutes
  - a. December 2021
    - i. [Youth Advisory Committee- December 2021 Meeting Notice, Agen...](#)
    - ii. Motion to approve - Rohan

- iii. Seconded by Shamus
- 5. Subcommittee business
  - a. Subcommittee updates
    - i. Stigma and Solutions
      - 1. Any updates on the presentation? - None
    - ii. Civil Rights
      - 1. From December minutes: “Committee may wish to create a second youth x PPD community dialogue” “Topics could include the new cannabis laws in NJ” “The hope would be to make this an annual thing”
        - a. Could the Civil Rights Subcommittee + Officer Navas organize this, instead of the whole committee?
          - i. Soorya can help with drafting questions as needed
      - 2. Simborski
        - a. Heteronormativity in TeenPep
        - b. Also reach out to Center for Supportive Schools
  - iii. Environmental Sustainability
    - 1. Any updates about:
      - a. Publicizing of Instagram Reel with quick tips to help the environment Created an instagram real with quick tips to help the environment
        - i. Done — sent to Ms. Fraga
      - b. Plans to spread local awareness with the wider clean seas campaign (cleaning up the oceans)
      - c. Helping with the education/outreach part of the recent ordinance that banned gas-powered leaf blowers
    - 2. Posters with graphic design to educate people
      - a. Princeton Podcast Has Ideas
  - iv. Outreach
    - 1. Will work with Stigma and Solutions by reaching out to teachers, making sure they have an open mind
    - 2. Trigger warnings and content warnings as needed - talk to Mr. Burr
  - v. Promoting Civic Engagement
    - 1. Any updates with respect to:
      - a. The idea of customizing the YAC webpage
      - b. The website idea
        - i. Context from November meeting’s minutes: The subcommittee is interested in thinking about creating a website to make the local government more transparent/approachable, and to educate

community members on the happenings of the local government. [There are restrictions on BCCs having websites, so the subcommittee needs to check the regulations before continuing.

ii. **Update:** BCCs can't have websites, but we can have links - Civil Rights Commission webpage as an example

c. **Soorya would like to work on this**

2. A Q & A event between PTO and students

a. Context from December meeting's minutes: "May work better as a full committee idea" "Ned will reach out to BOE about an event"

b. **Have private school reps**

vi. Non-Native Speakers

1. Any updates on outreach about the municipal webpage being available in multiple languages?

2. General need for more residents of diverse backgrounds (esp the API community) to apply to serve on BCCs

a. There is an application on the municipal website and there are currently many vacancies and more to come

3. Any updates about exploring the possibility of youtube auto-translate captions for Cannabis Task Force meetings and future meetings?

4. **First going to have survey sent out to see which languages are most commonly spoken**

a. Ms. Fraga says this is offered by the 2020 Census— **check for this**

vii. Alumni Panel

1. **Soorya will meet with Jessie Krause and gauge when all people are available**

viii. Diversifying Recruitment

1. Question for Ms. Fraga: Have you received information about if people under 18 can apply to BCCs other than YAC?

a. It depends; mostly no, except if a specific BCC is looking to recruit something with the youth perspective

2. **Met and talked about new avenues for outreach**

6. Local/state activism updates

a. <http://www.princetonnj.gov/list.aspx>

i. Allows you to subscribe to email lists related to the municipality

- ii. Soorya's perspective: Do not worry about your inbox being flooded; I subscribed to a bunch of BCC lists and my inbox is ok
7. Whole-committee business
- a. YAC email address
    - i. [yacprinceton@gmail.com](mailto:yacprinceton@gmail.com)
    - ii. If you remember to, cc this address on YAC-related emails you send
  - b. Possible new outreach avenue:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBRLu5KR4anGaBjWaOXYjGa8q6iHgDY6MkLV1OZ4uSYDu6cQ/viewform>
    - i. Note: the form is only viewable to those w/PPS accounts, which should not be a major issue since many of us go to PHS
  - c. Brainstorm for whole-committee projects
    - i. Event w/Lynda Dodd about post-pandemic needs
      - 1. Soorya presents division of tasks
        - a. [Task Forces for Post-Pandemic Needs Event](#)
          - i. Choose your taskforce!
          - ii. Soorya will unofficially be on all of the task forces to make sure they stay in touch with each other
      - ii. COVIDeo Part II
        - 1. Action items are to:
          - a. Meet with a Health Department representative, who could help with talking points for the video
          - b. Write the script - do research first
            - i. Masks?
            - ii. 2nd dose/booster?
          - c. Record/edit video
            - i. Sayuri and Ned can try editing
          - d. Publicize video
        - 2. Today we will write the script
          - a. **Finish own script by next meeting (February 3rd)**
    - iii. Middle School Milestone
      - 1. Sayuri was planning to meet with Mr. Burr during December—any updates?
      - 2. Catch Soorya up about what was discussed at the December meeting— did we want to do this in-person at PMS, record the presentation and send it to private schools in addition to PMS, or both?
        - a. Soorya's opinion (as of before winter break): Recording it is probably a good idea in case Omicron ends up presenting challenges to hosting in-person presentations

3. Who wants to work on updating the script?
    - a. It might be relevant to add in a COVID-related section, for example.
8. Closed session (if needed)
9. Adjournment
  - a. Meeting adjourned at 7:26
    - i. Motion made by Chris
    - ii. Motion seconded by Nico