



Minutes - February 5, 2025

Call to Order: Supervisor Wilson called the hybrid Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee to order at 4:31 pm.

Roll Call: Roll Call: Committee Members Present: Supervisor Wilson, Supervisor Sutterlin, Mark Dykstra, Max Olson

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Towns, Mary Gut, Julie Grandeffo

Staff Members Present: Erin Conway and Brad Meier

Others Present: Supervisor Lou Peer

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Sutterlin moved approval of the agenda as presented, seconded by Max Olson. ADOPTED

Approval of Minutes:

January 22, 2025, Ad Hoc Youth in Governance Exploratory Committee Meeting Minutes

: Supervisor Sutterlin moved approval of the January 22, 2024 Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee minutes, seconded by Max Olson. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Supervisor Lou Peer said that he's very interested in the Pilot Program and thanked the committee for having him.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Review, Discussion and Possible Action revising and/or refining Pilot Project calendar

: Supervisor Wilson explained that this agenda item will continue to be on the agenda to keep the committee on track of it's goals and for calendar adjustments, as needed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Youth Participant application process, forms, and materials

: The committee collectively reviewed the Program Application. Topics discussed included: the application essay question language and word count; travel reimbursement options; and host committee interest. The committee generally agreed to proceed with the changes discussed.

Supervisor Wilson introduced two new agenda documents (added to the agenda packet), that listed Rock County school districts, neighboring county school districts with overlapping boundaries within Rock County and other alternative school programs in Rock County. The committee discussed how

best to reach these students/families as potential Pilot Program participants.

Discussion and Possible Action on Applicant Review Process

: The committee reviewed the agenda packet evaluation resources and discussed how the applicant forms would be reviewed and evaluated.

Discussion and Possible Action on Potential Host Committees: Supervisor Wilson shared that he had contacted each of the committee chairs of the eight standing committee meetings that are held after 4:30 to accommodate the youth's typical school schedule. Each of those eight committee chairs has expressed interest, or at least a willingness of having youth participants at their committee meetings.

Discussion and Possible Action on Mentorship recruitment process, requirements, and forms

: This item was not discussed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Orientation process, content, and schedule

: This item was not discussed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Pilot Project Handbook Components

: This item was not discussed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Requests for additional resources needed and next steps

: This item was not discussed.

Determination of Next Meeting Date and Time – tentatively Wednesday, March 5, 2025 : The committee agreed that the next meeting will be at 4:30pm, Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

Adjournment: Mark Dykstra moved to adjourn at 5:46 pm, seconded by Max Olson. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Name of person who took the Minutes: Brad Meier

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