## Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Monday, February 11th, 2019 3:30 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Present: Arsalan Siddiqui (Chair), Findley Holland (Vice Chair), Alison Longworth (Liaison)

Absent: Honora Hammett (Secretary), Malik Gupta

Guests: Renée Battle-Brooks, Daniel Walaneti, Cecilia Fenstermaker, Terry Bell, Michael Glynn

Arsalan called the meeting to order at 3:55pm.

## **Old Business**

- 1. Minutes: The April minutes were approved.
- 2. <u>Crime Prevention:</u> Recap on what happened at the last meeting. The Greenbelt Police Department is having a Spring Fling and one member or YAC will try to attend. Arsalan will email more information out when he has more information.
- 3. <u>Youth Advisory Encouragement Letters to Neighboring Municipalities:</u> They will be stuffed and signed at a later date.
- 4. Meet and Greet Dates: A "meet and greet" was discussed to take place on June 28th at Buddy Attick Park. YAC will work on doing this every year. On the question of how to get the word out: flyers and newspaper ads were proposed. There will be ice cream and desserts. It will be an open house style. Findley suggested having each YAC member talk about a different thing about YAC. Such as, what we are doing about human trafficking, what YAC is like, benefits of joining YAC, etc.
- 5. <u>Voter Registration Dates:</u> Arsalan can register people to vote. YAC will register people to vote at ERHS at the beginning of next school year.

## **New Business**

- 1. Advisory Committee Liaison Reports:
  - a. Arsalan: Went to ACE where they talked about the teaching awards and is going to the Board of Elections meeting on Friday.
- 2. <u>Renee Battle-Brooks and Crime Prevention:</u> Renee brought two people from the prosecution department to talk about crime prevention.
  - a. Terry has been a prosecutor for 7 years. She is responsible for representing northern Prince Gorges County.
  - b. Mike works with all cases where people under 18 commit crimes in the county. He makes decisions on what to do about the case: to drop it or try it. He explains that youth who commit major crimes will be tried as an adult. He says that he is working on having a big brother program with teenagers who have committed crime to help insure that they will not break the law again.
- 3. <u>Takoma Park on June 24th:</u> Takoma Park invited YAC to come there on June 24th meeting and YAC will send at least one person to that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm.

Respectfully submitted, Findley Holland, Vice Chair