



YOUTH COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

May 12, 2021
Item 4

TITLE: COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERIES REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2021/22

SUMMARY

The Community Education Series hosts approximately eight workshops for students and parents each year in partnership with the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) and the Pleasanton Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Council. These workshops are a direct outcome of the Youth Master Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

Review and recommend the proposal to continue workshops for the 2021/22 school year and give feedback and/or additional recommendations on proposed topics.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There is no immediate cost associated with this action. However, the Community Education Series has historically been funded through the City budget process, as well as funds from the PUSD.

BACKGROUND

On November 13, 2013, the Youth Commission voted to approve the Youth Master Plan Implementation Work Plan. One of the items in the plan was to provide parent and student forums and workshops on high interest topics affecting Pleasanton youth and parents. This program has evolved into the Community Education Series.

The Community Education Series began in 2014 and is a popular resource for students and parents. This series presents eight to ten workshops per school year in partnership with the PUSD and the Pleasanton PTA Council. Participation in the Parenting Forum and all other workshops continues to be successful, confirming the need for local community education opportunities.

Below is a list of the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 Community Education offerings, including number of attendees. Please note that the 2020/2021 series was on hold until March 2021 due to COVID-19.

2019/20

Sept 19:	College “Fit” Over Rankings: Stanford Challenge Success (173)
Oct 10	Funding Your College Education: UC Berkeley Financial Aid (157)
Nov 07:	A Smart Step After High School – Community College: Las Positas College (123)
Feb 01:	Parenting Forum: Julie Lythcott-Haims (298)
Mar 05:	Teen Wellness Event: Teen Vaping (26)
Apr 30:	Transition to Middle School (English, Spanish and Mandarin): City and PUSD Staff and panel - <i>CANCELLED DUE TO COVID</i>

2020/21

April 15	Addressing Mental Health: Z-Cares Foundation (22)
April 21	Mental Health Workshop for Teens: Z-Cares Foundation (30)
April 29	Balancing Life - Work, Life, Parent: Rachel Sklar, MSW (6)

DISCUSSION

Each year, the Youth Commission reviews and recommends topics and selects presentation formats (authors, educational films with panel discussions, workshops, or student led forums) for the Community Education Series. Staff is planning to host workshops monthly in the 2021/22 school year, excluding December. Depending on the topics, the workshops are either parent/guardian or student focused. We look to expand our offerings in the 2021/22 beyond parenting to include more general topics that would be informative for parents and students.

2021/22 Proposed Topics:

- Teen Town Hall/Teen Expression Events
- College Preparation - Application, Financial Assistance, Transition
- Soft Skills Workshops for Teens - Leadership, Teamwork, Communication
- Health Science – Nutrition, physical fitness, play
- Conservation and Climate Change

- Life Skills – Cooking, Car Maintenance, Bike Maintenance and safety
- Civic Engagement

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

Any other action as determined by the Youth Commission.

Submitted by:

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