

Youth Council Reorganization

Proposed Changes/Suggestions

I. Recommended Committee Structure:

- Education Committee

- Advocate solutions for Milwaukee Public Schools
- Attend School Board meetings, possibly provide student representation
- Develop a relationship with MPS, teachers union, community groups

- Recreation Committee

- Advocate for greater recreation options for youth in community
- Work with local mall operators to modify policies
- Continue work on Youth Council Recreation Options pamphlets

- Public Safety Committee

- Address issues including crime and youth violence

- Communications Committee (as discussed previously)

- Community Organization Collaboration Committee

- Possibly develop a coalition of youth groups around city, including upcoming "Milwaukee County Youth Task Force" which is launching in 2012

II. Become legitimate youth representative body in community

- Students:

- Comment boxes in schools,
- Greater utilization of Facebook/Twitter (access given to Executive committee members?)
- Interaction during meetings (Twitter hashtags/Facebook page)

- Youth Organizations

- Create an email list with likeminded youth organizations
- Possibly working to create a coalition of youth groups (see Collaboration committee)

- Common Council members

- Get to know our CC members (possible work day)

- MPS Administration and MTEA (see Education committee)

- Media and Press

III. Effective action on issues to shape public policy

- Passing resolutions in a more expedited manner (members writing them?, emergency meetings if important issues arise)

- Lobbying: Letter writing, phone calling of elected officials on local, state and national level

- Promoting MYC positions:

- More press releases of MYC positions

- Making the website more interactive, using Facebook/Twitter more

- Building coalitions with likeminded groups (see Collaboration committee)

IV. Attending community events