

**SUMMARY OF  
GREENVILLE YOUTH COUNCIL  
January 28, 2013**

The Greenville Youth Council (GYC) met Monday, January 28, 2013 at 6:30 PM in the third floor conference room (Room 337) of City Hall. Members present denoted by \*, members absent denoted by x.

Lauren Applewhite-\*  
Bridget Demery-\*  
Lorenzo Person-\*  
Samaria Trimble-\*

Daniel Barondes-\*  
Ashish Khanchandani-\*  
Charlotte Overton-\*  
Ritvik Verma-\*

Mercy Buckman-\*  
Michael Montalvo-\*  
Casey Sokolovic-\*

Council Member Marion Blackburn-x  
Franchine Pena, Advisor-\*  
Matt Johnson, Advisor-\*  
Cassandra Daniels, Staff Liaison-\*

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Lorenzo Person called the meeting and order and welcomed the members to the meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Project Unify**

Cassandra Daniels stated Project Unify is an education and sports based initiative started by the Special Olympics to build an inclusive environment among youth with and without intellectual disabilities. She stated Ashish Khanchandani is going to speak more about the program and how the Council can get involved.

Ashish Khanchandani stated Project Unify is a program created to activate young people to become agents of change that will foster respect and dignity for people with intellectual disabilities. As a member of Project Unify at my school (J. H. Rose), this would be a positive way for the Council to give back to the community.

Ritvik Verma asked how the Council could get involved. Ashish Khanchandani stated if the Council is interested, information on upcoming events will be brought back to the next meeting for discussion.

A motion was made by Ritvik Verma, seconded by Daniel Barondes, to have information brought to Council at the March meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

## **NC Students Making a Difference**

Cassandra Daniels stated NC Students Making a Difference is a program that displays the positive volunteer services that young people provide for their communities. Casey Sokolovic is going to brief us on the program.

Casey Sokolovic stated NC Students Making a Difference is a program that showcases young people doing positive things in their community. The program would require pictures of young people volunteering in the community. This possibly could be a project for the Youth Council.

Members of the Council agreed that it is something that can be considered and would want more information on the program. A motion was made by Samaria Trimble, seconded by Charlotte Overton to table the item for a later date. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cassandra Daniels*

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Human Relations Officer