

Youth Justice Council Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022

Time: 3:30 – 5:30 PM

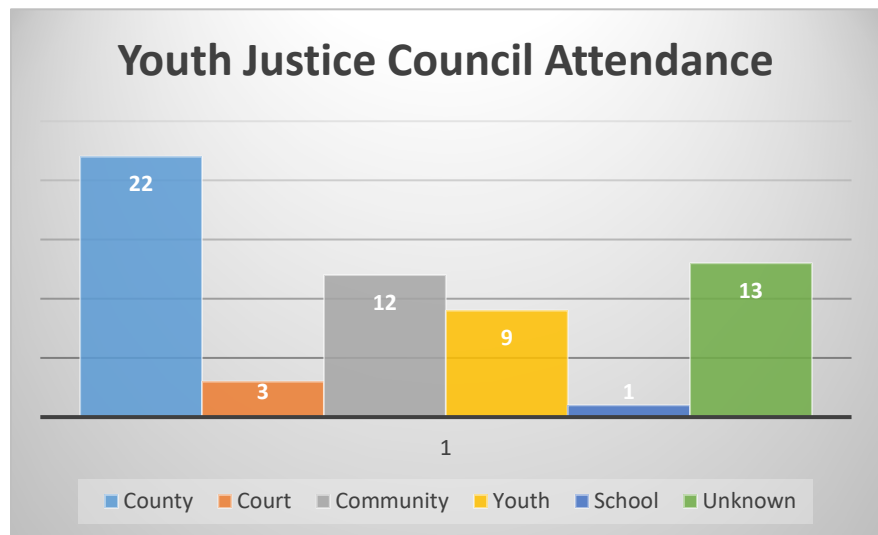
Location: Virtual on [Zoom](#)

Meeting Notes

BridgeMakers

Presentation – Jose Perez
Leaders of BridgeMakers did introductions, sharing their experience with middle school, the juvenile justice system and how both systems failed them as youth. They presented their initiative of ending school to prison pipeline through Re-Imagining Middle school by having

student centered learning. Shared a PowerPoint presentation. Their ask was to receive verbal support from the juvenile justice system on their initiative of Re-Imagining Middle School. They are also asking for community support in their work connecting their group with other organizations and people that can help move their work forward. [Video from BridgeMakers](#) presented at meeting. Town Hall hosted by BridgeMakers on Tuesday, Nov. 29th from 5 PM – 7 PM at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Community 4537 3rd Ave S Minneapolis, MN 55419. Link to register for the [Town Hall](#).



Underserved Youth Sub-Committee – Beth Holger

Two new co-chairs have been added to the committee, Judge Maximilla Utley and a youth representative, Scarlet. Scope of work for the committee focuses on justice involved youth who have housing instability due to barriers caused by the justice system. Three areas focus are, 1) improvement of data collection at various decision points, 2) utilizing federal funds from Hennepin County Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP) to secure a dedicated housing navigator for the juvenile justice system. This person would be a subject matter expert with the juvenile justice system and housing, and 3) have barriers to shelters/stable housing/treatment centers, removed that may be caused due to a young person's juvenile record. Underserved Youth committee meets the third Thursday of each month from 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM virtually.

Youth present at the meeting would like to host a youth panel for a future YJC meeting.

Meeting Chat

Sierra Leone Samuels to Everyone:

If there is anyone from the community that is not getting compensated through a community organization, please email me: sierraleone.samuels@hennepin.us, your first and last name and mailing address so we can mail a gift card to you.

Please feel free to share future meetings and our website:

<https://www.hennepin.us/residents/public-safety/youth-justice-council>

HSRA (High School of Recording Arts) Middle School Voices of Freedom podcast on Spotify

Antonio Smith to Everyone:

Thank you for presentation and authentic engagement. Please describe the characteristics needed for new micro schools, location selection and amount of money needed for start-up. Thanks!

Haben Ghebregish to Everyone:

Micro schools can be very small. Some schools in Minnesota have a student body of 80 or less. We know a lot of people who have expertise in starting schools

Talia Moreno to Everyone:

[BridgeMakers Video](#) that was part of the presentation.

Jon Bacal, Bridgemakers to Everyone:

This is a key report on evidence for student-centered learning:

[Student-Centered Learning Report](#)

Jose Perez, Bridgemakers to Everyone:

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