

## Post SummerCon Meeting Minutes (September 7, 2013)

### Agenda:

Check-In

Job Jots

Trevor Talked to a Lawyer

Abbie Talked to Young Adults

Age-Range Revelations

Review Soul Searching 2.0

Discuss community suggestions

Maggie Morris has thoughts from the Young Adult community

Closed Session

### Job Jots:

Phoebe/Dylan Grinder: Update registration and liability forms

Everyone: Update the "How to Council" doc

Abbie: Talk to other districts about age ranges

Dylan Graham/Sophia: What's up with letters?

Rosemary/Sophia: Insurance Policy

Word-Smithing Team: Edit the letter (Tuesday deadline)

General Meowmeow: Keep being awesome.

### Things We Have Learned and Are Good to Know:

- Trevor's aunt is a lawyer. They had a poolside chat! He sent us an email summarizing what they talked about, it's really good. Here's the basics:
  - We really need to clarify what the insurance wants, because ultimately this comes down to what they require of us.
  - This comes down to a matter of liability, and the only thing that would affect our insurance is a civil suit. In the case of a civil case brought by statutory rape, it's unlikely we would be held liable if the situation was consensual. In the case of a non-consensual situation there is the possibility of PCD YRUU being held accountable, but changing the age range won't negate the issue, because age does not change the possibility of rape.
- Young adults: PCD does not have effective young adult programming. The young adults don't want us to do anything about it, because they have programming separate from the district, and it's good. It would be disrespectful of all the work they've done to tell the district to create young adult programming, especially since

it's unlikely that such a thing would ever occur.

- We have been told that we are the only district that does not have a high school age range; this is incorrect. A whole bunch of districts have other age ranges, for example:
  - Florida: 12-20
  - Ohio-Meadville: 7th grade-19
  - Massachusetts Bay: 14-20
  - Pacific Northwestern District: 14-18

### Debriefing Soulsearching 2.0:

Things That Rocked Our Sparkly Socks	Things That Totes Could Have Gone Better
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Presentation</li><li>● Energy level</li><li>● Nuubies handled it well/were smart</li><li>● Severity went over well</li><li>● People like what council did</li><li>● Way super productive</li><li>● Allowed space for expression and processing</li><li>● Scheduling was the bomb</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Apathy</li><li>● Some lack of processing</li><li>● Keeping up energy levels should have been a thing, but oh well, it could have been worse.</li><li>● Reading the letter took a while<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Why didn't we have paper copies for everyone? That was silly of us.</li></ul></li><li>● We were hoping for the community to give us a clear and immediate path, and that didn't happen.</li></ul>

### Soulsearching Notes Review

- Concerns About the Content of the Letter:
  - Timeline: When would a new age range go into play?
  - Our UU principles have not been honored.
  - A loss of mentorship would be disastrous
  - Developing new leaders would be so difficult
  - There is a distinct aspect of distrust being displayed by the district administration
  - We want a specific age range
  - We would lose youth empowerment
  - We'd have to kick out half our community
  - Not everyone participates in a conventional form of schooling, and defining our organization by such conventions would alienate many

- A shorter time in the community would be really bad.
- Our community is not defined by high school, and we don't want it to be, because it would engender arbitrary divisions
- Why haven't we looked at alternative solutions
- Changing the age range doesn't actually make us safer
- There needs to be a balance between legal safety and our values
- This would result in a loss of faith in PCD and the UUA
- We bridge youth, we don't cliff them, we want there to be space for transition
- PCD YRUU is the only connection to UUism for some youth
- People make life decisions based on this community, such as where to go to college and where to live
- Concerns about the Logistics of the Letter
  - Finance section
  - Express respect for concerns

(1) Young Adult(s) Have Thoughts:

We need to fix our paragraph on young adult programming. The question should not be “why haven't you created programming”, it should be “why aren't you building connection with preexisting programming”. We want the district to communicate with the Young Adult community and want you to work with them.

The Young Adult community is prepared to support our actions regardless of what we actually decide to do, but they reallyreallyreally want us to take control of the conversation and demand more from our district, demand that we stay in right relations.

They're sorting out their leadership. It makes things a little sketchy in terms of inter-program communication. Maggie is gonna ask around, she'll get back to us.

The Young Adult community is placing a greater emphasis on AR/AO, and they would love to share resources with us. Our Social Action Coordinator is going to get on that. Yay!

Closed Session Tiiiiiiiiiiiiime:

- Reilly has resigned from the registrar position. Dylan Grinder will replace him. Phoebe is delegated to handle that nonsense.
- We will separate the letter into two: The Official Open Letter and The Logistics Letter