Mayor's Youth Council Structure

Membership:

- 20+ Members selected from local high schools including: Lincoln, Assumption, Port Edwards, and Nekoosa.
- Membership from grades 9 - 12
- 2 year terms (unless senior at beginning of term)
    - you must re-apply after your term has expired

Member Roles:

- The Mayor's Youth Council is a youth-led initiative where area youth will be responsible for various roles (e.g. running meeting and taking notes, decision making)
- Each class will elect a President, Treasurer and Secretary
- Each meeting will be co-lead by the President and another
- Members will have the opportunity to commit to the co-lead position well in advance of the next meeting
- Provide a Mayor's Youth Council update to the City Council periodically

Sub-Committees: Three subcommittees (all will have monthly assignments and reporting responsibility to the 'full council') *Goal is to have equal representation of youth on each. Each Committee will have project work.*

- Each member will sign up for a Sub-Committee during the orientation meeting at the beginning of the school year.

1.) Legislative.

- Gaining familiarity with City Government meetings (very important for the future of other projects- often requiring city council support)
- Gather potential projects for Youth Council consideration
- Support Youth-friendly policies and ordinance changes

Advisory Role Contacts for this Subcommittee Include:

1. Scott Kellogg skellogg@wirapids.org
2. Paul Przybelski pprzybelski@wirapids.org

Members of the Legislative Subcommittee will:

1. Observe and attend Common Council meetings (as needed)
2. Make a referral and give a report to Council periodically
3. Keep the bylaws up to date

2.) Community

- Gaining familiarity with resident-led meetings
- Develop Youth Council project-selection criteria
- Gather potential projects for Youth Council consideration

Advisory Role Contacts for this Subcommittee Include:

1. German Olivares golivares@wirapids.org
2. Jacob Bertagnoli jacob.bertagnoli@wrps.net

Members of the Community Subcommittee will:

1. Participate in another Mayor's Council (Beautification, Sustainability, etc)
    a. Work on a project idea within that council (i.e. City Entrance Sign Project, tree planting, etc.)
2. Will work on developing project-selection criteria for assisting in selecting projects for MYC work
3. Attend a Community Cleanup/Participate in chosen Community Project

3.) Recreation

- Gaining familiarity with City Government meetings
- Tour and become familiar with the City's park system
- Gather potential projects for Youth Council consideration

Advisory Role Contacts for this Subcommittee Include:

1. Nathali Jones nathali.jones@wrps.org
2. Mary Wolosek mwolosek@wirapids.org

Members of the Recreation Subcommittee will:

1. Meet with members of Wisconsin Rapids Parks and Recreation to understand programming and City recreation
2. Participate in a City Parks Tour
3. Attend, observe and participate in Parks & Recreation Commission meetings *(as needed)*
    a. Give a reflection on what they view as an opportunity for improvement in our city related to Parks & Recreation
    b. Review and participate in formal city planning that will determine future investments and park & recreation system improvements

Projects:

1. At the orientation and the subsequent meeting, students will be involved in brainstorming projects with the goal of selecting one or more projects that Subcommittees will lead.
    a. Community presentations will be held which will give ideas for project needs in our community
    b. Members of the "Community" sub-committee will assist in selection by developing project-selection criteria to objectively select projects that MYC will work on.
2. Select 2 or 3 projects for implementation throughout the year
3. Support City projects that are youth-friendly in nature
4. MYC may recruit fellow youth to participate in various projects while the Subcommittee leads them