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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator
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Date: May 23, 2012

Subject: 2012 Kirkland Youth Summit

Recommendation

That the City Council receives a report on the recently completed Kirkland All-City Youth Summit.

Background

On Thursday, March 29, 2012 the Kirkland Youth Council held its ninth biannual All-City Youth Summit, "Make an Impact!" at Bastyr University. About 120 teens from a variety of Kirkland based junior and senior highs attended the event to discuss a broad range of topics relevant to teens. Youth Council members selected and researched topics that they felt were timely and of interest to their peers: Transitioning to Four-Year High School Model, College, Digital Footprint, Kirkland Community, and Marketing Madness. Youth Council member Lilith Winkler-Schor of Inglemoor High School was the Chair of the Youth Summit and will be making a short presentation on what occurred.

Session Summaries:

Grade Level Discussions

Morning began with six small group discussions where participants were divided up based on grade levels. The focus of these groups was to discuss the changes that will be happening in the Lake Washington School District (LWSD) as it transitions into the Middle School/4-year High School format next fall. A secondary focus of these groups was to offer an opportunity to teens to meet other students in the district and create new connections within their city. In order to give accurate information about the switches occurring in LWSD for the 2012-2013 school year due to the reconfiguration, the Youth Council members were briefed by incoming Superintendent Traci Pierce. This included academics, extracurricular activities, athletics, and new graduation requirements. KYC members then led the small group discussions at the Summit and fielded questions from the participants. Summit attendees that were currently

seniors discussed how effective the LWSD had been in achieving its motto of "Every student future ready" during their tenure in the District. Participants overwhelmingly felt that these discussions were helpful and insightful.

Breakout Sessions

Following the small grade based discussions, four concurrently running breakout sessions were held once in the morning and then in the afternoon.

Digital Footprint

The focus of this session was to encourage participants to closely look at their on-line "selves" and the impact that it will have on their future. KYC members presented the session, highlighting what others could see when looking at one's online profile, despite privacy settings, as well as measures to keep exposed information in check.

College

This session looked at several aspects of college: applying to colleges, deciding on colleges, financing for college, and college life. Presenters included a college entrance coach, a financial planner, and a current UW student.

Marketing Madness

The focus of this session was on how teens could market themselves and get a job. Two DECA students from Inglemoor High School focused on cover letters & resumes, finding open positions, and interviewing. This was then followed by several KYC members who are currently employed. Each member discussed their position and experiences working.

Community Connections

City Manager Kurt Triplett led these sessions which focused on current projects in Kirkland and how teens could get more involved with the City of Kirkland. Each participant was given a copy of the City's current Hot Sheet. The projects highlighted included the installation of the Costco gas tanks, Totem Lake Mall, and the Rail Corridor. Mr. Triplett then discussed the many ways in which teens could become more involved with the City. This included Youth Council, Police Explorers, Aqua Leaders, and other internships.