**CCCA Student Commission February Meeting Minutes**

*General Information*

Location: Westlake Village Civic Center in the Large Community Room (31200 Oak Crest Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91361)

Date: Saturday, 2/20/2016

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Attendees:

* Wen Chien, Wencheng Li, Lana Shiu, Mr. Ye, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Jin,
* Student Commissioners – Benjamin Yang, Andy Jin, Tian Ye, Michelle Chen, Alyssa Li, Kyle Lee, Connie Ye

Absentees: Andrew Yang, Rebecca Chua, Jenny Cheng, Vikkie Jiang

Minutes Recorder: Andy Jin, Vice-Chair of the CCCA Student Commission

*Agenda*

What the CCCA Student Commission Is ~ Benjamin Yang

* A way for our community members to develop change for the community and establish a positive impact.
* Target all youth in Thousand Oaks/Westlake/Newbury Park/Oak Park, not just the Chinese youth.

Future Student Commission Meeting Dates ~ Benjamin Yang

* March 19th: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
* April 23rd: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
* May 21st: Time TBD

Impromptu Presentations (2 minutes each) ~ Wen Chien

* **Kyle: Should marijuana be legal in medical cases or all cases?**
* DUI’s and deaths are side effects of marijuana usage. However, there may be relief in stress caused by marijuana.
* Recreational use is not beneficial, but medically, it may have benefits.
* **Andy: What jobs are good options for 16 year olds?**
* 16-year olds should aim to seek jobs working with local nonprofit organizations in order to gain a better of sense helping others and not just focusing on benefitting themselves.
* This will, in turn, promote a general love for society and caring for others as these students become older.
* **Michelle: Should security cameras be installed in classrooms?**
* The pressures of school may result in “cutting ethical corners” to get to the top, which is a disappointment for our young generation.
* Security cameras give students an “extra push” to motivate them to succeed ethically, and to know that poor choices will have consequences. It teaches students that all actions will have consequences, especially as they grow up.
* **Ben: Are kids and teens who play violent video games more prone to violence?**
* Kids are not influenced by the video games they play, such as Call of Duty.
* These popular games do not influence the violence within teenagers. “I myself play these games, yet do not have any violent tendencies. I play it to see how these games are made and as a way of relaxation.”
* These video games show kids that games are gory and that killing is “gross.”
* Crime is related to different reasons, such as familial or social factors.
* **Tian: Your thoughts on traditional families vs. contemporary families**
* LGBT Families vs. Traditional Husband-Wife Family: all families should be treated the same and should not be discriminated by sex.
* Families are a group of people who love each other and live together.
* LGBT families are “the perfect match for kids who would like a home.”
* Traditional families should respect LGBT families, who go through so much trouble, yet their “love remains just as unwavering.”
* **Alyssa: Should humans be cloned?**
* Cloning animals, like Dolly the Sheep, have been successful; however, the technology necessary to clone humans is unavailable at present.
* Humans ought to wait until they have the necessary procedures to conduct this action safely. Dolly the Sheep developed medical issues and died early.
* In the future, this medical research should be more advanced; however, ethically, this plan is “not right.” Cloning may disrespect the feelings of others.
* **Connie: Should abortion be legal?**
* Abortion should be legal. Fetuses, in the early stage of their development, cannot think for themselves. However, the mother is a human and has her own rights.
* If abortion is illegal, the mother’s life may be ruined, and she may no longer love the baby. In turn, two lives would be ruined.
* Abolishing abortion is an infringement on human rights because it violates the free opinion of the mother.

Next Month’s Assignments

* Meeting Minutes Recorder: Alyssa
* Timer: Tian
* Liaison Coordinator for CCCA Website: Tian
* A full list of tasks will be sent to Tian by Ben.
* Guest Speaker: Tian will invite the Amgen CEO

Selling Performance Tickets ~ Tian Ye

* Good Ideas:
* Divide the tickets among individuals, since each member has a unique network, bringing in more people.
* Assigning students to specific representatives from the community, allowing students to directly interact with people who they don’t usually interact with.
* Provides opportunity for future connection/networking.
* Things that Could Have Gone Better:
* Some regions were left out and not touched.
* **Improvement Suggestions:**
* *Andy:* Having in-person contact with the mayor and his/her assistant, as opposed to calling them, to increase the amount and quality of contact.
* *Tian:* Identify the areas that we can sell more tickets to, so we can maximize efficiency in selling tickets.
* *Michelle:* Contact the community representatives much ahead of time; otherwise, conflicts with other events, such as FBLA or Academic Decathlon, may arise.
* *Kyle:* Selling tickets to family members. Start in the inner circle, and then reach out into the community.
* *Connie:* Use Chinese School teachers as a medium to encourage the students to attend the Chinese New Year Performance. Extra credit opportunities for students who attend.
* *Alyssa:* Describe the programs and opportunities available at the Chinese New Year Performance to encourage students to attend.
* *Lana:* Extra credit opportunity can bridge the gap between public and private schools. When students are willing to perform, parents will likely come to watch the performance.
* *Ben:* Invite more schools in the CYNP program – besides Newbury Park HS, Oak Park HS, Agoura HS, and Westlake HS – such as Viewpoint or Oaks Christian.
* *Ben:* Meeting the NPHS principal in person, and catch a time that they are available to discuss with you

Upcoming Events ~ Andy Jin

* Earth Day
* *Ben*: Will try to get the Chinese Club at NPHS involved in this activity as their community service project
* Ideas:
* Paper-Making Activities
* Origami
* Mother’s Day Event
* May 15th ?
* Ideas:
* Reservation of the Oak Park Community Center Room (?) for gathering of families, not just mothers
* The event will involve food and perhaps various activities for the younger students. The goal is to involve the whole family.
* Kids can talk about their parents, having a small dance or skit. This will make the event humorous and entertaining.
* Memorial Day Camping
* 3-night camping event
* We may want to host a talent show for the kids. The goal is to make the event entertaining and enjoyable for everyone.
* End-of-Year Picnic
* TBD by PVA
* Continuing the tradition of having a variety of small booth games, and maybe incorporating Wen’s Junior Achievement activity presented at the Kickoff Student Commission meeting.

Standard Operating Procedure Draft Review ~ Michelle Chen

* Ideas for Mission Statement and Vision Statement
* Increasing public awareness of the CCCA, identifying problems within the CCCA, and implementing solutions as well as new events
* Try to have a statement unique to the Student Commission and not just CCCA in general
* Target Audience: youth in our community
* We are the future. We students understand other students and should reach out to them.
* *Lana:* We may want to provide assistance and activities for elderly citizens of our community. With her experiences as a physician, she notices that some elderly citizens experience loneliness.
* Guest Student Commissioners
* Inviting students who are 9th graders or 12th graders/high school graduates to share their experiences in CCCA
* Potentially invite commissioners from Viewpoint, Calabasas, Thousand Oaks, and Oaks Christian
* Not necessarily of Chinese ethnicity
* Officer Term Discussion
* In the case of resignation:
* The open spot in office shall be open to selection, determined by a vote from the remaining cabinet of the Student Commission and Board of Directors, perhaps by a weighted voting system.
* The incoming officer will take on the role of Associate Commissioner, and the remaining officers will all move up one rank
* Election Process:
* The application process for the 2015-2016 year was effective. Having an interview and a prepared presentation allows students to demonstrate both impromptu and prepared speaking skills.
* Officer Responsibilities
* Have a certain set of tasks that all CCCA Student Commission officers need to be in charge of.
* Include additional tasks for each officer specific to that officer. If the officer is unavailable to complete the task, the next officer by rank will be in charge of completing the task.
* Supervisor and Advisor
* The supervisor and advisor will remain in their respective positions indefinitely, unless he or she resigns. In this case, there will be an election or appointment of the succeeding supervisor or advisor.
* The supervisor and advisor will be selected according to a similar process for selecting Student Commissioners, who will vote on the best candidate for the positions.
* The supervisor and advisor candidates will submit a resume and qualifications.
* Another proposal was that if the supervisor or advisor is appointed and the Student Commission is dissatisfied with him or her, a vote could take place to remove him or her from the respective position.
* Other Ideas
* Lock one officer position for sophomores, probably the Associate Commissioner.
* Ensure that there are officers who are juniors, since they already have a year of experience in CCCA and can help the newer members.
* Four officers will train each other in their tasks, so that in case an officer is unavailable, others will readily fill in.
* Students can apply for a specific officer position within the Student Commission, as opposed to applying to just be a commissioner.
* Community Service Project Ideas
* We should host an event unique to CCCA.
* Visiting senior centers to serve the elderly citizens
* Animal shelter outreach
* Environmental cleanup at the park or beach
* Holding a food drive
* Publicizing CCCA
* Members will continue to review, revise, and add input to the SOP, which will be presented at the next meeting.

Next Student Commission Meeting Date: March 19, 2016, 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Adjournment