

Tl'azt'en Youth Visions Council
Wednesday, January 24th, 2024

Our 1st solo meeting!!

Present: Jodie Pierre, Bret Felix, Lizzy Mattess, Ally Anatole, Joshua Monk, Shivaun Joseph, Donaven Winser

Opening Prayer: Lizzy Mattess (in Dakelh!)

Chairperson: Dayi Jodie Pierre

Opening remarks: As per usual, we start with the back right corner...
Shivaun: I've been doing good since last meeting. Staying home.

Bret: Been doing good since last meeting.

Joshua: Everything is all good. Lots of exciting stuff happening at this table – fellowship is running good. Other table is crazy.

Jodie: I've been good. Over the weekend I went to Vcity to watch the game. All is good all is well.

Lizzy: Not much changed. Went to nerf gun activity. Other than that it's ok.

Ally: Doing ok. 1st day with no energy drinks. Been busy lately.

Donaven: Been doing good. Doing a bunch of training, learning new stuff for firefighting.

Adoption of Agenda:

Jodie: Any additions? If not, we need a mover and seconder.

Mover: Donaven Winser Seconder: Shivaun Joseph

Approved by consensus.

Adoption of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes of Wednesday January 10th, 2024.

Jodie: Let's read over the minutes.

Mover: Bret Felix Seconder: Donaven Winser

Approved by consensus.

Topic A: Youth of the Month

Donaven: are you picking a youth now?

Joshua: Yes, we were supposed to pick one youth to nominate.

Shivaun: I nominate Jazlyn Felix

Donaven: Just one youth? Or a girl or guy?

Joshua: Yes

Bret: Trevor Jr

Joshua: Ashton

Jodie: Devaun

Lizzy: I don't have one.

Ally: Not sure. No. Me brokes.

Donaven: Haven't been paying attention.

Visit from Nathan...

Shivaun: Jazlyn is finished grade 12 and volunteers at the hospital. She got accepted into University in PG to study law.

Bret: I always see Trevor Jr helping his grandma with shovelling, wood, and he's still in school, and he wants nothing in return.

Joshua: Ashton is still in high school. He has a job and helps take care of his grandma. Hard working kid. Respectful. Pretty good guy.

Donaven: He has a plowing business during the winter.

Joshua: A good young man.

Jodie: I nominate Devaun because he's struggling in school, but still goes. He's been sober, a good while. This will boost his confidence and push him in the right direction. Everyone's been doing a good job.

Jodie: Do we vote on the choices?

Donaven: Does it have to be 7?

Joshua: No, it doesn't have to be.

Donaven: Ashton

Ally: Devaun

Lizzy: Devaun

Jodie: Devaun

Joshua: Not easy. Pretty good candidates. Ashton

Bret: Devaun

Shivaun: Ashton

Joshua: Pretty close.

Shivaun: I don't like doing this stuff, because I feel bad for the other people.

Joshua: They'll have their time to shine. Community members will nominate them next month.

Donaven: Do a nomination?

Joshua: No, just examples. Remember we were looking at the youth of the month examples of ourselves to show us what it's about.

Donaven: What it takes for us to vote on them?

Joshua: No bro. Just an example of a description. Like of achievements, goals and if anybody did volunteer work. I think Christian has it covered.

Devaun Anatole – Youth of the Month!!

Claps for Devaun!!!

Joshua: Just the other day I brought him to town to get his ID's and stuff. I'm hoping to help him get his license. I think most of the youth need a mentor in their life.

Jodie: We can do a big brother and big sisters' program.

Joshua: That's what Christian was talking about before.

Donaven: What is that?

Joshua: A mentorship program. You'll have a youth that you'll mentor.

Extremely brief visit from Christian.

Reviewing example poster that Christian dropped off.

Joshua: That's pretty cool, but I think it should have achievements, goals and if they did volunteer work.

Donaven: Jodie did you volunteer?

Jodie: Yeah, I volunteered to do the minutes.

Donaven: Oh, there's a back too. How come they didn't add us on there. I'm jealous.

Jodie: I'm gonna add that to the minutes.

Joshua: I volunteered to go treatment that time.

Ally: We should volunteer at the bingo to help the families.

Shivaun: Is that this weekend?

Ally: Yeah

Shivaun: I'm gonna play bingo.

Joshua: Us, we're gonna be in town. In Fort St. James.

Jodie: You guys can volunteer at the event in Fort St James

Ally & Donaven: What event?

Joshua: Preparing the Way – revival event at the Church.

Jodie: At the Zion

Joshua: Fellowship stuff

Donaven: Volunteer my time and go sleep – that's why they call me sleepy.

Bret: Are you putting that in there too?

Donaven: Put down in the minutes, thank you Alexandra for the munchies.

Topic B – Invitations to Events

Donaven: Do we have to invite people?

Joshua: No bro, see poster. National Missing's Day. They invited youth council.

Lizzy: Where is it being hosted? It says gymnasium. Is it here?

Joshua: Yeah. It usually says EJES gym.

Donaven: Who's hosting?

Joshua: The Health Centre. Bonita's project, I think. Pretty cool thing to go. I think we should get ourselves out there and start attending stuff like that.

Donaven: I'd go to that, but not because one person was missing, but Mackie too. But everybody in general. I saw on the media that someone is missing from Prince George too.

Joshua: I think the people would feel really good having the support of their youth leadership at an event like that, and other events too. If we get invited. Pretty good stuff.

Donaven: We should see if we can visit other communities.

Ally: Oooh, shack-up season.

Joshua: Put that in your notes for next meeting. Anyways, if you're all able to, just to pop into the event. Free too – you can just walk up the hill.

Lizzy: I can just walk down the hall.

Jodie: On a Saturday?

Lizzy: No, it's on the 1st.

Jodie: The poster says February 3rd.

Joshua: I don't know what that is, but the event is on Thursday.

Jodie: Okay, the actual missing day is on February 3rd, but the event is on the Thursday.

Lizzy & Joshua: Yes

Donaven: Christian went to a meeting for the Winter Noye Dzin. Does anybody know when that is?

Jodie: February 17-19.

Joshua: Family Day weekend. Are we all able to attend this? It doesn't even have to be the whole event. If we go as a group – I think it'll be pretty cool.

Ally: Agreed

Joshua: It's good to communicate with the members. When I did it, you notice the people brighten up. It brings them joy. Especially when your part of the youth council table, or any kind of position. They really like to communicate.

Donaven: Even just saying hi.

Jodie: Let's make a game of it and see how many people we can say hi to the most people.

Donaven: to say hi to someone?

Jodie: Yeah, and even to shake hands with someone.

Lizzy: Do I have to memorize names?

Jodie: No, just to keep track of the numbers. If people are comfortable. I know I don't normally go up to someone and shake their hand, but that's something we should go.

Donaven: At events too, it would be good to talk to people.

Bret: Yeah

Donaven: We can ask what their ideas are and stuff.

Jodie: Yeah, I noticed all the other older people do that.

Donaven: There's also Conrads's walking thing to break trail.

Joshua: Snowshoe thing. But I think we should save the date for the February 1st event. Then the next event is on February 14th – it's in Prince George. The health centre was talking about paying for our rooms and travel, because the event starts at 9am. Healing fire event. They are asking if we would like to go? Christian will finalize the details. This will be for Christian and Georgina to decide. I'm always down to travel. It's so fun.

Ally: Isn't that Valentines Day?

Jodie: I can't go.

Donaven: Tell Keegan "I got something coming up."

Joshua: Something we will talk about next meeting.

Joshua: You handsome chocolate man

Donaven: Put that in the notes!

Jodie: Okay. Just kidding.

Topic C – Dinner

Joshua: Quarterly youth dinner we were supposed to have – have an engagement with the youth. My idea was to have an engagement with just the girls and just the boys. A lot of things we can teach the girls and boys. Cool thing to do. Differences of growing up. We can chill out and play mini games with them.

Bret: Answering questions.

Donaven: We can teach them lessons as growing up as a man.

Joshua: Both genders are shy in front of each other. That's why this idea came to mind. I think we can handle it with those young guys, cause we were wild like them too.

Donaven: Say we shoot a moose and teach them what we know.

Joshua: Possibility of getting prizes. Were not supposed to talk about budgets and stuff, but there's a lot of places to get money in Tache to do stuff like this. Plan a meeting between yourselves (girls) and we'll plan a meeting between ourselves (boys). Still a topic up for discussion. This is nothing I can confirm. This is for Christian and Georgina to confirm.

Topic D – Christians Video

Donaven: Yeah, just coming up with a video of our background and what we learned in life. What we learned at the table. Come up with questions that you want to ask the youth. Or that we would ask ourselves and put that on a video.

Joshua: Like an interview?

Donaven: What our accomplishments and achievements are in life. Where we see ourselves and where we want to be. Also to say that its ok to make mistakes in life, and you learn from it. Like an inspirational video.

Jodie: Like a documentary

Donaven: Yeah. Just come up with questions that you want to ask.

Joshua: We should all do our own video and drop it in the group chat for suggestions.

Donaven: Its almost like the video from the FNHA conference. We seen how they answered questions. It'll come from a youth perspective. Show your life on a daily basis, and what you learned.

Jodie: No reason for us to not do this in the next couple days. Can we get it done in the next couple days?

Donaven: Can we drop our questions in the group chat?

Bret: We should come up with the questions and have Christian ask us individually.

Donaven: Say what part you play in the nation. It's a small reserve – some people may not know what you do.

Joshua: I would talk about how affordable travelling is. A lot of people think their stuck being here. They think that they are not capable of doing it. I've been working on a survey with personal questions and basic public questions. I was supposed to work on a youth event not too long ago. I have questions there that I can share with you guys.

Jodie: Nice

Joshua: We'll work on the questions in the group chat together and we'll finalize the questions. We'll set the deadline for the video at next meeting. If you don't do the video by the next meeting, then you'll do the video at the next meeting.

Everyone: Yeah

Jodie: And we'll all just watch you. Aye just kidding.

Topic E – Highschool Visits

Shivaun: Just to go to the high school and check on the youth and see how their doing in school. To visit. See the programs their running now.

Jodie: I like that.

Donaven: Do we have to ask the school if we can visit them?

Joshua: I would think so.

Donaven: I don't think we could just show up

Jodie: We can set this up with Troy as well.

Joshua: I think this would be for Christian and Georgina to confirm too. A topic for next meeting. Important to engage with the youth in high school. Have pizza with them and chill out. We see what you guys are doing and your doing good.

Jodie: If we could do this - would you all want to go?

Donaven: Do we have to pick a date?

Joshua: We would go as a group. Gang gang.

Shivaun: Christian already did his pizza at the high school.

Lizzy: Are you providing rides?

Jodie: Our chauffer Christian!

Donaven: We could borrow the expedition. The new one. Put that in the notes so Georgina could see.

Bret: New expedition only for transportation

Jodie: Anything else on this topic?

Crickets...

Donaven: What would we even do? Just show up and hang out.

Joshua: Go there with a presentation and hang out with them. Youth engagement

Donaven: What would we do with them?

Jodie: I think your overthinking this.

Joshua: Just to go chill out.

Topic F – Carrier Lessons

Jodie: I remember Christian promised this to us last year and we didn't do it. So, would you guys be interested in doing the lessons.

Donaven: Carrier lessons?

Jodie: Yeah

Donaven: We played a few games in bingo.

Shivaun: Who will do it?

Jodie: I think he was gonna get Troy to do it.

Shivaun: A one day thing?

Jodie: A lesson every other week or something.

Interested in this?

Everyone: Yes

Jodie: Next week we'll give our demands to Christian.

That's it for the agenda. Anything else for discussion?

Joshua: Why are you a leader? Page handout

Donaven: Should we just talk about this as a group? Instead of yourself just looking at it and throwing the paper out at the end.

Ally: Me and Jodie went to walking group. There was no youth up there.

Jodie: For what we've done for the community – we made breakfast for the firefighters.

Lizzy: I did nada.

Jodie: Did anyone do anything cultural or traditional?

Joshua: I shot a moose on Saturday.

Shivaun: I sat in the truck and waited for Josh.

Joshua: I got everything to set lines for tsintail.

Jodie: You should take us all.

Donaven: I haven't been ice fishing since high school.

Joshua: The first question I always think about Tache fellowship.

Jodie: Did anyone engage with youth or elders?

Lizzy: Doreen taught me how to introduce ourselves in Carrier.

Joshua: I brought Devaun to get his ID's.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32pm

Next Meeting: February 7, 2024

Jodie: Next meeting is an open meeting, so lets all invite someone!