Internal Committee Report Amherst Youth Town Council April 2023

The Amherst Youth Town Council (AYTC) met on March 29th in the ARHS library and on April 13th in Town Hall Council Chambers.

Throughout the past month we worked on AYTC recruitment for the 2023-2024 year. We had a table at ARHS for two days to promote the council, as well as posters around the school and a post on the ARHS Instagram.

Since our last report the AYTC was given two separate presentations, one at each meeting. Councillor Hal Davidson presented about diversity in the Town of Amherst. He outlined the efforts of the Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Committee to promote belonging by ensuring equity, diversity and inclusion are supported in Amherst.

We also received a presentation from the Lions Club about the benefits that the club brings to individuals and groups of people. Many of the members of our council were impressed to learn the broad reach of the Lions Club and all they do. For example, we learned they have 50,000 clubs, with 4 million members worldwide and a non voting seat at the UN.

The Lions Club offered us a table at their upcoming event on May 27th. We are unsure if we will be attending but it may be a good opportunity to continue our recruitment efforts if we are still seeking new members. In this case we would likely be promoting the opportunity to join the AYTC to parents but that could be an effective strategy.

We are currently working on a report outlining the results of our research on youth hunger in Amherst.