FYI Action Plan

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1. LEVEL OF YOUTH INVOLVEMENT
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3. LEVEL OF ADULT COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF YOUTH OPINIONS/NEEDS

LEISURE/RECREATION: Short Term

1. ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUTH

We could have youth nights where there could be dances at some center (#37)
That’s a good idea (#45)
I think that dances would be a great idea, as long as there were supervisors and breath-a-lyzers (#48)
It would be great if we could have outdoor dances at a park (#51)
Dances and drinking don't mix; they'd have to have a clean reputation (#52)
I think they had dances at Island Park last summer (#54)
Really, that would be cool (#55)
Ya (#59)
Maybe we could advertise the dances, because dances are only fun if there is a lot of people and good music! (#60)
I like the Island Park idea, it's central location, but the only thing is what about the bugs? (#64)
Dances don’t always get a good turnout (#70)
64, we could spray some time before the dance (#73)
How about concessions and food before and during the dances, are there restaurants around? (#80)
Good idea, 80, but that would take a lot of planning too (#83)
I know for a fact that the park board is already planning at least one outdoor dance this year (#86)
That rox, 86, do you know if they advertise it very much (#90)
90 it hasn't been announced yet (#94)
Yeah I have never heard of it before (#97)
If it could be a regular thing, say every Thursday night or something, people would get the hang of it (#99)
Neither have I (#100)
It takes a while for things to catch on (#101)
99, I think that doing it once a week would be too much work, don't you (#102)
We would maybe need a committee that would organize the dances for the summer, perhaps it could be through the park board, maybe they could nominate people to it (#103)
That would be cool but I’m sure they’re not going to have a lot of turnouts (#105)
I think they might (#107)
These things just don't have good turnouts--I don't know why (#109)
Dances every week would get boring and people would stop coming (#110)
102, not if you had adult’s involved with it (#111)
How about once a month? {#112}
And the park board wouldn't let people be "nominated" to work on things like this; there are people whose job is to figure events like that out {#113}
What about some other things that teens could do like join different sports teams, i know that they have them but maybe they could be more catered for teens and there could be more advertising for them {#114}
Yea {#115}
How about recreational sports teams {#116}
Sport teams are good {#117}
For people that enjoy playing the sport, but aren't necessarily in it in high school {#118}
I agree with 110 and 112 {#120}
The Moorhead recreational volleyball teams were a big hit w/ Fargo north students {#121}
The park board might not have someone who would organize dances and to have a teen committee would make the dances more fun, you would have to have adults on the committee though {#123}
How about sports like co-ed soccer, volleyball, and softball {#125}
I emphasize co-ed {#126}
That sounds like fun {#127}
123- I know for a fact because it is my friend's mom who works for the park board and organizes events such as dances {#128}
Okay, do you know 128 if they have teens that help {#141}
I think they do those sports teams in the winter but they should do them in the summer too {#144}
A teen advisory board could meet with the park district for dances, recreational teams, and open swim hours {#145}
All of our topics pertain to them {#148}
141, yes I am helping her {#152}
I think that is a good idea 145, they wouldn't necessarily run them but just make up the plans for them {#156}
But it's hard to say to the park board "hey we're a bunch of kids you should listen to us" {#158}
Well they kind of should listen to us because we know a lot more about some of the stuff than they do {#173}
Yeah, but they should if were the ones that would be attending these things, I think they might want to know what we think so their events are more popular {#175}
Exactly {#183}
Right on 175 {#184}

2. SUMMER CPR CLASSES
Offered by the school or hospitals or community center? {#38}
38--POSSIBLY OFFERED BY THE HOSPITALS AT THE SCHOOL OR YOUTH CENTER
THE YOUTH CENTER COULD OFFER ALL SORTS OF ACTIVITIES {#47}
What about some other classes like pottery or craft or any thing that maybe would be at a reduced price for teens {#180}
Yeah, this should sort of go under the topic of youth (adult) Ed classes {#200}
3. TEEN OPEN SWIM HOURS AT PUBLIC POOLS

Ya {#36}
This sort of thing would really be a lot of fun {#39}
It would be more fun without the little kids {#40}
That’s for sure {#42}
Yes {#44}
Would it be regular hours? Such as 4-8 teen swim only? Or on certain days or what? {#46}
IT WOULD BE MORE POPULAR AT A TIME WHEN PEOPLE COULD TAN
AND YOU COULD DO IT WITHOUT THE LITTLE KIDS SPLASHING YOU {#50}
Yeah, teens can find things to do at night, but afternoons can get dull {#56}
That sure is the truth {#58}
They wouldn’t be able to have a huge block of times for teens because little kids are often their biggest
customers and that might make the parents mad {#129}
Maybe if they had it once a week from like 2-4 or 3-5 maybe that would work {#132}
Teens could be big customers {#135}
That might {#137}
It would just have to be the cool thing to do {#138}
It won’t be the cool thing to do {#142}
Ya it will be cool {#143}
Why does it have to be the cool thing to do, can’t you just go do it if it sounds like fun {#150}

4. VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

This way kids could become more involved positively with the community {#49}
What volunteer opportunities would you like to see? {#53}
There are plenty of volunteer opportunities, kids just have to seek them out which often times most kids
won’t take the time to do. So maybe if someone could publish a newsletter describing different jobs for
people to do at different nursing homes, YMCAs etc, then students would be more willing to volunteer
{#61}
There could be a variety of programs maybe Salvation Army projects, a teen Habitat for Humanity
house working at nursing homes or at the children’s hospital {#63}
I have an idea—you could set up a volunteer program that will be focused on future job opportunities—
that way you could volunteer at a hospital or in a summer school place with little kids, in an art place.
Etc {#65}
There are already those projects {#66}
Where are they and what are they {#67}
65--that would help to decide what jobs you might want {#68}
Why don’t you just get a summer job {#71}
66 do you have the source for this information that you would be willing to share? {#72}
There are things such as the frontiers program, ambulance ride along, candy stripers, youth court,
yunker farm, etc. {#74}
There are plenty of opportunities but kids don’t go out there and grab at them someone has to go up to
them and ask them and often people are willing to do it {#75}
74- what are candy stripers {#77}
Also what is the frontiers program {#78}

75 could we come up with an idea for making these connections {#79}

I think it would be sad to create new volunteer opportunities when there are already needs not being met by the community, so if we could send out a newsletter or publish something in the paper about all of the opportunities for volunteering then we could start meeting our communities needs {#81}

That's a good idea 81--set up a newspaper about it {#82}

Ya that is a good idea {#85}

We need to have an organizations that would perhaps have an event that has different tables for different volunteer organizations that kids can sign up for, this could be announced in the schools or there could be a directory that kids could look in maybe {#87}

But whom would we send it out to? And how? {#88}

87- that's exactly what key club is at school {#91}

Maybe we could include it in a newspaper every month or so {#92}

Get the school mailing list--or send it out in the school newsletter {#93}

Not everyone can get involved in Key Club though {#95}

But key club only has one-time volunteer options; this maybe could be something more long term {#96}

Why not {#98}

I know at least at our school key club has a lot of long term volunteering options like walking the dog at Bethany on Thursdays, and also if someone takes the initiative to work at a "one-time volunteer option" chances are they will continue to work for them, like if someone volunteers for yunker farm and while they're there, they sign up to be on the volunteer mailing list {#106}

I think volunteering would give teens a sense of pride in what they are doing and will give them a more positive image {#164}

LEISURE/RECREATION: Long Term

1. YOUTH CENTER

I believe that the long-term goal for the FYI is to work with adults on developing and constructing a youth center where students can do activities such as free movies, dances, and other types of recreation. {#34}

Yes {#41}

I THINK THE YOUTH CENTER SHOULD ALSO OFFER COUNSELING THAT IS ANONYMOUS AND OTHER HELP {#57}

Yeah. It should be a fun place to hang out, but also a place that you can go to get help and feel safe {#69}

The only problem I see is that it may turn into a place for kids with a bad rep and some people might be scared to go there {#76}

76 I wonder how other communities handle this--any ideas {#84}

84--I don't really know {#89}

It's hard because if there is law enforcement there, it is safe, but then lots of kids get the impression that kids w/ a bad rep hang out there if there are police around {#108}

If we had a youth committee comprised of people from all the high schools working on it then they could go back to their high schools and spread the word about how great it is {#122}

That's a good point {#153}
This idea is always brought up but i think we really should construct a so-called "teen hangout" {#163}
Well if they built a teen center we really need to make sure nothing bad goes on there so that this thing won't flop, people need to understand that {#194}
That is to true {#195}
Yes but we have to think positive instead of looking at the negatives {#210}
if you don't look at the negatives, nothing will be accomplished {#217}
I think a teen hang out just like the NDSU union would be cool {#221}
217-no, it's the other way around, if you keep looking at the negatives no one is going to do anything about anything because there "might be problems" {#223}

2. Skate park
I think that people need areas to skate where it's legal {#202}
Isn't there already one? {#203}
Not a year round {#204}
Oh {#209}
I think that a lot of people could get some good use out of a skate park that is in a legal location as well as a safe location. It would be very fun to have {#212}
Is the one we have not in a legal location? {#215}
I don't think skate parks would appeal to everyone; I’d work on having a teen hangout before building a skate park {#218}
What about other options than an ice arena {#222}
Yes we need new ice arena's {#224}
Moorhead has a lot of good facilities, and we only have the coliseum, which is old {#229}

EDUCATION: Short Term

1. MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION ACTIVITIES
Although it is a very good idea, I don't see it working out--people just won't do it as with a lot of other opportunities they have, they either think it's lame or not cool enough {#104}
Mental health? What kind of activities? {#131}
I think for people to go to it would have to be in the schools {#196}

2. YOUTH ACTIVITIES LIKE THE ADULT CLASSES THEY OFFER
This is like the adult education that is offered in the summer--they should also offer the same classes to kids--cooking, art, etc--if they already have them they should expand {#124}
That is the best idea I've heard of all day {#133}
The "comm. university classes", I think they're free, right? {#134}
They are free, and if they aren't they like 10 or 15 dollars, which is bad considering they have very talented people teaching the classes, and if it's something that you can take with you for the rest of your life it's well worth it {#146}
How do you find out about these classes? {#151}
There is a pamphlet that you get, but I have no idea where...it is only about adult Ed though {#154}
The classes are like once a week for three weeks
I wouldn't mind giving up one afternoon or night a week, plus you could do something later {#155}
What classes would interest you -- what would the "comm. university class" content be??

Cooking, being able to make stuff or sew or something---everything my mom can do but I can't but I need to know how to do it because I will have kids some day

Arts

Yoga--learning how

That is a big one

Foreign languages that they don't offer in school like Thai, Japanese, Norwegian

There already is a yoga comm. university class at "it's yoga" on Tuesdays on 19th Ave

I think that they should also offer sign language classed somewhere

Yes that would be interesting

Yes, languages would be great--even if it's just the basics

Or if you're planning on going on a trip to another country--you could learn the basics

Classes such as cake decorating, gardening, furniture making, weird classes like that

Yeah, definitely, weird classes with stuff you've always wanted to know

Those kind of classes would be fun

Ya... weird classes... right

Classes that you couldn't take anywhere else...like origami

That would be sweet

What is origami?

The art of folding paper into very pretty and ornate designs

Folding paper into birds and animals and stuff like that

EDUCATION: Long Term

1. MAKE 9TH GRADE HEALTH A YEAR LONG INSTEAD OF A SEMESTER

No

In health we learned so much but had to cram it into a semester--it was a lot of fun and everyone wished we could have taken it for the full year, and we would have been able to learn so much more--especially about problems that we as teens and facing--we were able to open up even to our classmates and it was good to do that

Health classes all through high school. I think you forget a lot of the important stuff when you get to high school

149--yeah that's a good idea--we had health in 7th grade and I don't remember anything and I didn't understand it then, we should be given health classes through high school, when we really need it

Maybe just having the ninth grade health class in high school instead of more health classes

Yes 159 I agree

Ya true

I was satisfied with my ninth grade health experience; I think health should be given at a young age, before kids actually have to face the situation

181 exactly...if you offer it only at high school it will be that "oh it's too late I've already had sex...oops" kind of thing, but I do think it would be great to offer some sort of other class at high school to continue
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what has already been learned. There is a group that goes around teaching 9th graders about AIDS, that's one way to stay involved with that sort of thing and it's another volunteering experience (#201)

I think a lot of the information we learned in health was to late, by 9th grade most kids that smoke had already started, 7th grade health was just a sampling, it needs to be more in depth then, maybe they should do it in 8th grade, seventh graders are still to young to be serious about it (#208)

Yes i think it should have been earlier like 7th grade, but like the same curriculum as 9th grade (#213)

In 9th grade they did a lot about cigarettes we needed more time to focus on marijuana and other drugs and their effects (#214)

I agree they convinced many of us not to smoke, but they could talk allot more about two major issues: Drinking and Pot (#225)

And sex (#226)

Yep (#227)

They do talk about all of that (#232)

I don't think that they talk enough (#235)

Yes 232 but they should talk about it sooner and in more depth (#237)

I just wish that we could have had it a year long, and then we would have been able to go in depth more about the important topics (#238)

HEALTH CARE: Short Term

1. SUMMER CPR CLASSES

It wouldn't have to be a big thing--everyone should be certified--just go like two times, pass a test, and you're done (#179)

HEALTH CARE: Long Term

COURTS/LAW ENFORCEMENT

1. YOUTH COURTS!!!!

There is already a youth court, but everyone should get involved! (#192)

How could the involvement be increased (#206)

The involvement is growing rapidly (#207)

I think youth court is a great opportunity and benefit to our community (#211)

Youth court is really cool, it gives kids are real look at the consequences of their behavior (#216)

I know youth court comes into the schools for mock trials maybe they could come into the classrooms to talk about it (#219)

I believe that youth court should be given as an assignment at least once in a class so that kids can see that the consequences are real, and that you not only hurt yourself but hurt others (#220)

PARENTAL GUIDANCE

1. SOMETHING ANYTHING

Something has to be done to help parents guide their kids, because parenting is so hard and there are some basic rules that every parent should know, but I'm not sure what kids would have to offer on this subject...being that we don't have our own kids (#147)

A lot of people are good people, but they don't know how to raise kids...and some people are just bad parents because they don't care.... it's a vicious cycle that has been going on forever...it would be hard to stop it now (#161)

We could give our input to the matter as to how we feel about things and how we look at it all (#162)
162- to whom?  (#166)
I think parents that don't have the right skills should take parenting classes (#228)
They would be mad and refuse to go though (#230)
But when you're so desperate because your kid is getting into trouble or won't listen to you they would go (#231)
A lot of the parents just don't care though (#233)
They already have programs for that (#234)
There are programs for everything...but no one ever bothers to seek them out, instead they just sit around and wish for things that are already in place (#236)
I think allot of parents are so busy that when their kid starts to drink they don't even notice (#239)
Parents need to pay close attention allot of times the kids wants to get attention and they sometimes get into trouble just to get it (#240)
There needs to be more caring among parents for what their kids are doing (#240)
A lot of times parents don't know what to do when they find out their kids are doing drugs or drinking maybe (#241)
Next Steps (Categorizer)

Park Board Involvement

1. YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD FOR FARGO PARKS

We need open swim hours, co-ed recreation leagues, and dances (#13)

That's true (#14)

DO YOU EVER REMEMBER THE BASEBALL AT LINDENWOLD? THAT WAS A LOT OF FUN, BUT THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN IT JUST ENDED WHEN YOU GET TO A CERTAIN AGE...I WOULD HAVE LOVED TO HAVE JUST PLAYED IN THE SUMMER BUT I WOULDN'T WANT TO DO IT AT SCHOOL (#26)

I would love to play on just a recreational soccer team, but in order to play soccer during the summer you have to be really good (#44)

I would love to see a dance (#46)

Yeah that'd be awesome! (#47)

YEAH, EXACTLY, AND SOMETIMES PEOPLE ARE SO BUSY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR THEY CAN'T GET INVOLVED IN SPORTS, OR MAYBE THEY AREN'T ABLE TO GET ON THE TEAM, AND SOME PEOPLE JUST WANT TO BE ABLE TO GET WITH OTHER TEENS AND PLAY (#49)

I still would like to see open swim hours for teens (#50)

Newsletter for Teens

1. NEWSLETTER THAT ADVERTISES THE YOUTH ED CLASSES

It could also advertise other things like the volunteer programs and events around the community for youth it could also attract youth to take a leadership role in the different events (#27)

EXACTLY (#29)

I know there is a teen newspaper the HPRX maybe we could connect with them or be a part of their newsletter (#31)

What is the HPRX?? (#51)

The High Plains Reader Extreme, it's a new paper like the adult one, but meant for teens (#53)

It just came out in January (#54)

THEY SHOULD ADVERTISE BETTER CAUSE I DON'T KNOW OF ANYONE WHO HAS HEARD OF IT (#62)

ADVERTISING IS KEY WITH ANYTHING, SO MANY GREAT THINGS NEVER HAPPEN BECAUSE PEOPLE FAIL TO ADVERTISE PROPERLY OR ENOUGH, IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING IT HAS TO BE EXTREME BECAUSE OTHERWISE NO ONE WILL PAY ANY ATTENTION OR EVEN KNOW ABOUT IT (#66)

At north the high plains reader extreme was passed out to everyone in their English classes (#73)

Advertising costs money (#74)

IF YOU KNOW HOW TO ADVERTISE CORRECTLY, YOU CAN DO A LOT OF IT FOR FREE (#77)

Feedback to the Schools

1. Newsletter

Feedback does need to come back to the school; they could announce some of the youth events in the announcements or something or in key club (#48)
I THINK THE NEWSLETTER SHOULD HAVE YOUTH ED OPPORTUNITIES, JOB OPPORTUNITIES, VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, AND THEN IT SHOULD HAVE WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE AREA, LIKE DANCES AND BANDS, AND THEN THERE SHOULD BE ARTICLES ON HOW THEY WENT (#55)

2. COMMENTS RE: HEALTH CLASSES

Could this be integrated into the Youth Center (#67)

Teen Comm university Classes

1. YOUTH ED CLASSES IN THE SUMMER

I think that there really are a lot of classes that aren't usually offered that would interest kids (#17)

That is a very good idea (#18)

I think art classes would be really fun (#20)

When I was younger I took a lot of the classes at the creative arts studio (#30)

So did I (#32)

THE CREATIVE ARTS STUDIO DOESN'T OFFER MUCH FOR KIDS PAST THE AGE OF THE LIKE 7TH GRADE (#33)

IT WOULD BE GREAT TO SEE THE CREATIVE ART STUDIO OFFER CLASSES FOR OLDER KIDS CAUSE THEY HAVE A LOT OF TALENT THERE (#35)

What else could they teach (#37)

Maybe it could be thought the Creative arts studio, like another branch of it (#40)

I KNOW THAT ONE PLACE TEACHES GUITAR (#41)

THERE IS BASICALLY ANYTHING THAT YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW, THAT CAN BE TAUGHT (#43)

Languages were a good idea (#56)

DEFINITELY (#57)

There are a lot of languages that kids are interested in besides the few that are offered at school, and there really isn't anywhere that we can take classes for them (#64)

Things are offered at many places but they just aren't connected this comm. university would connect them together (#69)

What exactly is a comm. university (#72)

Teen Boards//Mentors

1. BANK BOARDS

2. GPS COMPUTER HOW TO

I THINK THIS COULD ALSO GO UNDER THE YOUTH ED CLASSES (#19)

3. HEALTH MENTORS

THIS COULD ALSO BE ADVERTISED IN THE NEWSLETTER (#21)

I would LOVE to work at a hospital, not being a candy striper, but following around a surgeon or doctor!! (#22)

That would be a lot of fun (#24)

I would spend my whole summer there (#34)

You could really learn a lot from an experience like that; if you start during the summer, then maybe during the school year you could go back like once a week (#45)
4. Fashion advisory
   We have tons of clothing stores in the area {#25}
   It would be fun to get to work with them {#28}
   THIS COULD ALSO PARTLY GO WITH THE YOUTH ED CAUSE SOME OF THE OWNERS COULD
   TEACH HOW THEY BECAME WHO THEY ARE, AND THEY COULD TEACH THE BASICS {#38}
   This would help people decide if they want to work in the fashion industry {#75}
   I think that it would be a fun industry to work in {#76}

5. RESTAURANT ADVISORY?
   Would restaurants need a teen board? {#39}
   Not necessarily {#63}

6. Business Involvement

7. Mentorship with hospitals
   This would be cool for kids interested in the health field {#78}

8. Mentorship with any business field
   Maybe kids could look at what {#58}
   People could maybe apply to the programs through some of their classes at school, like as a writer for a
   newspaper in English, an art internship at the Plains art museum through art, etc. It wouldn't be run
   through the schools but could be announced through them, it could also be announced at all the
   businesses {#59}
   INTERNSHIPS WOULD BE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS---I WOULD LOVE TO INTERN
   FOR A BUSINESS {#60}
   Usually interns are in college but they should open it more to high school students {#61}
   It would really be nice in high school to get a feel for what kinds of jobs you enjoy doing, so when you
   get to college you don't waste time changing majors {#68}
   I agree {#70}
   EXACTLY 68 THAT'S WHAT I WAS THINKING! {#71}