



FLORIDA YOUTH COMMISSION

Blake Maier, Chair

Maya King, Vice Chair

MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2014

11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Secretary: The regular meeting of the Florida Youth Commission was called to order October 15, 2014 at 11:35 a.m. by the Commission Chair, Blake Maier.

The secretary, Christal Hector, did roll call and noted that nine commissioners were absent, recording this on the meeting roster.

Leadership Update

FYC manager Caitlin Camechis briefly touched upon the concept of accountability, email turn around, and stated that committees need to have short term goals to present during general meetings.

Committee Updates

Seeing as both committee Chair Matthew Nadel and committee Vice Chair Morgan Denhart were absent, Blake decided that the Communications committee update would be sent out via email.

Christina Pacelle, Special Projects Manager in the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection, updated the Commission on what the Children and Youth Cabinet is doing in regards to bullying awareness:

- #letsfacebullyingfl on Facebook and Twitter
- Anti-bullying posters on Cabinet's website: fldoe.org, search "bullying"
- Federal government anti-bullying initiatives website: stopbullying.gov

Mrs. Pacelle encouraged the Commissioners to get their schools involved in this initiative as well.

Outreach Chair Salma Abdelrahman gave her committee update, stating that they are currently trying to reach out to principals, lawmakers, and other people that can help the Commission's cause. She also mentioned that the deadline for each commissioner to speak to his or her respective principal has been extended.



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Seeing as Government Affairs Chair Elias Rosenfeld was absent, committee Vice Chair Ella Biggins gave the committee update, stating that the committee is currently collecting reports from different school districts in Florida regarding any successes or failures of plans that align with those of the Commission in order to make the most effective plan possible for the Commission to reach its goals.

The Government Affairs committee is also planning on meeting with local legislators, but this is still in the process of being approved. Lastly, Ella stated that each Government Affairs committee member will individually meet with Elias in the next week.

Old Business

(none)

New Business

Blake made a motion to vote on adopting “Bullying Awareness” as our commemorative initiative for October.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Blake then reminded the commissioners of the importance of reminding other members about meetings and events.

Caitlin reminded the commissioners that they will be replaced by an alternate who is currently on standby if they do not satisfactorily complete their duties. Caitlin also mentioned that committee meetings should be held within the week following the general meeting of that month.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Christal Hector

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