



FLORIDA YOUTH COMMISSION

Blake Maier, Chair

Maya King, Vice Chair

MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 2014

8:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Secretary: The general meeting of the Florida Youth Commission was called to order December 18, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. by the Commission Chair, Blake Maier.

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

Leadership Update

FYC Manager Caitlin Camechis stated that it is imperative that commissioners meet deadlines for assignments, share FYC content on social media sites, and adhere to the 48 hour email turnover rule.

If a commissioner cannot meet a deadline for whatever reason, he or she must alert their chair and Caitlin before the assignment is due.

Email must be used for all official communication between commissioners, including giving out instructions for tasks.

Text messaging may only be used for follow up inquiries.

Chairs need to give specific instructions and deadlines to their respective committees.

Commissioners need to make sure that they have no conflicting events with Children’s Week, April 10th – 14th. The FYC will be hosting an “advocacy workshop” there.

If Caitlin believes a commissioner isn’t fulfilling his or her duties, he or she may not be invited to attend Children’s Week.

For the 2015-2016 FYC term, the commission will be reduced from 20 members to 12 and the GPA requirement will rise from 2.0 to 2.5.



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Committee Updates

Communications Committee Chair Matthew Nadel stated that the Communications Committee is creating content to “arouse excitement and provide ways for youth to get involved.”

A list of holiday drives and graphics have been made.

The January commemorative month topic, Family Fit Lifestyle, is currently being worked on by the committee.

“Students of Florida” will be delayed until January, when school restarts.

The official FYC promotional video is being shot this winter break by the chairs, excluding Commission Vice Chair Maya King, and Communications Committee Vice Chair Morgan Denhart.

The DJJ has provided a grant for the Commission to use to print and disseminate pamphlets, which the committee is making and should be finished by sometime in January or sooner.

Official FYC Communications affiliates will be compiled and aid the Commission in distributing resources to students.

The Communications Committee is also working on a speech template, for students to use at Town Hall meetings, with the Government Affairs Committee to put on the pending FYC initiative website.

Outreach Committee Chair Salma Abdelrahman stated that the Outreach Committee is currently compiling lists Town Hall meeting and Commission meeting times to provide to students on the FYC’s initiative website.

The Outreach Committee is also working on developing a forum on the website for students to voice their opinions and concerns regarding the public education system in Florida and their personal experiences.

Government Affairs Committee Chair Elias Rosenfeld stated that a PowerPoint presentation will be made in conjunction with the FYC video and serve the same purpose of informing people about the FYC and its initiatives.



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The committee will also post biweekly legislative updates on the website, primarily focusing on House Bill 29 and Senate Bill 92.

The Government Affairs Committee now has its own Facebook group: *Florida Youth Commission Government Affairs Committee*

New Business

Commissioner Adrianna Williams has a mailing list for Children's Week that will be an asset to the Commission.

Maya emphasized organization and expedition on calls.

Blake and Caitlin stressed that as a Commission, we must be "proactive, not reactive" by coming up with solutions and working together rather than simply complaining about the status quo.

An attendance roster is now available on Google Drive for commissioners to keep track of their attendance record.

Caitlin mentioned that there is no guarantee that a current commissioner will be invited back to serve on the Commission for the 2015-2016 term.

If anyone has ideas for the FYC promotional video, email Matthew.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Christal Hector

2014-2015 Secretary, Florida Youth Commission, Southwest Ranches



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