

**METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL/TUCSON TEEN CONGRESS (YAC/TTC)
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015
PIMA COUNTY LIBRARY LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM,
101 N. STONE AVE., TUCSON, ARIZONA**

MEETINGS MINUTES

Members Present: Maggie Zheng, David Nicholson, Francisco Montano, Glenn Ward, Diego Martinez Barrera, Leshawn Bowen, David Ojeda, Jose Roberto Diaz-Brown, Michelle Coronado, Ev Essif, Ki Huang, Moeed Irfan, Sameed Irfan, Leshawn Bowen, Ev Essif, Ki Huang, Kyle Hetherington, Meena Venkataramanan, Andrea Suarez, Naomi De La Rosa.

Non-Members Present: Paul Lovelis, Matt Kopec, Ed Nossem, Kimberly Ward, Angel Alcorha.

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER – MAGGIE ZHENG**

Meeting called to order at 6:15 P.M.

2.0 **ROLL CALL – MAGGIE ZHENG**

Roll was called; a quorum of members was present.

3.0 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MAGGIE ZHENG**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all attendees.

4.0 **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – MAGGIE ZHENG**

Approval of January 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve: Francisco Montano

Second: Diego Martinez Barrera

Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 **YAC/TTC FUNDRAISING OPTIONS – MAGGIE ZHENG**

There was discussion continued from the February 4th, 2015 meeting regarding a “Percentage Night”, perhaps at a Peter Piper Pizza or Funtastics location; however no formal decision was reached at this time.

6.0 **STUDENT LOBBY DAY TRAINING**

The 3 Committees that are addressing the 3 issues from the Teen Town Hall convened to discuss the presentation of issues to the legislators.

Committee 1 will address student and teacher lack of motivation due to defunding of schools and the perception that teachers are not valued; their low wages and lack of opportunities are prevalent. This committee will meet with Senator Don Shooter, and will present emotional stories and vignettes describing the effects of the situation on students.

Committee 2 will address the funding cuts to education, and will be meeting with Senator Keli Ward and Representative Kate Brophy McGee. They will describe how the budget cuts affect their futures, giving personal stories, and point out that money set aside for future prison beds would be much more effectively used to fund education.

Committee 3 will be meeting with Senator Kimberly Yee and Representative Vince Leach, and will address different testing standards, including Common Core issues, and what the goal of education is in the eyes of the Legislature versus the students’ perspective. They will relate personal stories and discuss how curricula affects their future.

7.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS - MAGGIE ZHENG

7.1 Key to Employment 2/11/2015– Volunteers Needed – members listed their names; Ed will send parental & school permission forms to the list

7.2 LULAC Career Fair 3/27/2015– Volunteers Needed

7.3 Elected Officials Visits Update

Upcoming meetings with City Council members are as follows:

Council Member Richard Fimbres – POSTPONED

Pima Co. Supervisor Ramon Valadez – Wednesday, February 18

City Council Member Paul Cunningham – Wednesday, March 18

Pima Co. Supervisor Richard Elias – Wednesday, April 1

Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild – Wednesday, April 15

7.0 CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No action.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to approve: Maggie Zheng

Second: Sameed Irfan

Motion carried 20-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.