

**METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL/TUCSON TEEN CONGRESS (YAC/TTC)
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016
PIMA COUNTY LIBRARY LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM,
101 N. STONE AVE., TUCSON, ARIZONA**

MEETINGS MINUTES

Members Present: David Ojeda, Ki Huang, Arnoldo Martinez, Leshawn Bowen, Roberto Diaz-Brown, Jazmin Nuñez, Ev Essif, Maggie Zheng, Nia Moran, Patrick Derrig, Ki Huang, Aaditee Kutrimodi, Brennen Feder, Ana Mendoza, Aiselyn Anaya, Nikolas Walls.

Non-Members Present: Paul Lovelis, Kendra Davey, Alexander Lewis, Ed Nossem.

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2.0 CALL TO ORDER – DAVID OJEDA

Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M.

3.0 ROLL CALL – DAVID OJEDA

Roll was called; a quorum of members was present.

4.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – DAVID OJEDA

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all attendees.

5.0 APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016 MEETING MINUTES – DAVID OJEDA

Motion: Maggie Zheng

Second: Jazmin Nuñez

Motion carried unanimously.

6.0 CIVIC ENGAGEMENT DAY DEBRIEF – PAUL LOVELIS & ED NOSSEM

The notes from the various meetings with state legislators were compiled so that the MEC office could create a report on the Civic Engagement Day's activities; the meetings themselves were also discussed. It was agreed that the day was a success, although the legislators were not prepared to say that they would do anything specific to improve the public education funding system beyond the refunding of JTED and Proposition 123. Once the Report is completed it will be sent out to the MEC Commissioners, elected officials, school superintendents and governing boards, and other interested parties. It was suggested that the MEC draft a School Funding Resolution; this is something that the MEC had done in the past.

The YAC/TTC Executive Board worked on a Guest Editorial, which will be assembled at the MEC office, approved by the MEC Executive Director, and sent to the Arizona Daily Star.

6.0 YAC/TTC FUNDRAISING DEBRIEF – ARNOLDO MARTINEZ

The Panda Express fundraising event raised a total of \$29.47; they will be sending a check to the MEC.

7.0 COMMITTEES FOR CRYSTAL APPLE – PAUL LOVELIS & ED NOSSEM

Committee members will meet to select the Goal One: Graduate! Poster Contest this weekend. YAC/TTC members were asked to RSVP for the Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon to volunteer for various duties and sit at tables to represent the YAC/TTC.

8.0 PIMA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY – KENDRA DAVEY

Renovation of the Teen Space is underway and will be completed in early May; Ms. Davey will send the MEC an email when completed. She requested volunteers for the Library's Youth Design Team as she had done at a previous YAC/TTC meeting, and explained the 101 Youth Center's plans.. The YAC/TTC has helped with the Library's Summer Reading program in the past, and they are asking for assistance and advice from the YAC/TTC to keep students reading during the summer. The aim is to create and maintain "Connected Learning". The Center is an intra-space, peer-connected, "real-world" digital learning environment where deep engagement can take place.

; The Library Foundation will sponsor a showcase at summer's end.

9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

No action.

10.0 CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No action.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to approve: Brennen Feder

Second: Leshawn Bowen

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.