

Approved
3/16/2009

Sacramento County Youth Commission

Tomorrow's Leaders Leading Today

Minutes
Monday, February 9, 2009

Chair: Naomi Endsley
Vice Chair: Cynthia Tsay
Secretary: Rachel Anderson

Attendance:

District 1	Stephanie Taylor	x
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
District 2	Cynthia Tsay	Absent
	Kiki Vo	x
	Salote Umufuke	Absent
District 3	Megan Alcalay	X
	Elizabeth Eggert	X
	Christopher Eur	X
District 4	Naomi Endsley	X
	Rachel Anderson	Absent
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
District 5	Harjot Hansra	X
	Joyce Lau	X
	Tyler MacKenzie	X

Advisor: Michele Watts

Guests: Lynn Davis, Supervisor Susan Peters Office

Agenda:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:24 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Commissioners made introductions.

2. Announcements and Comments:

- The annual Chalk It Up Festival, held every Labor Day, is seeking youth artists to participate. Michele distributed a flyer.
- Michele recruited three members to review and update the Commission brochures for Youth Activities, Youth Volunteer Opportunities, and Youth Job Tips. Naomi, Elizabeth, and Tyler volunteered.

3. Approve January 5, 2009 Meeting Minutes

- On a motion by Joyce Lau, seconded by Tyler MacKenzie, the January 5, 2009 minutes were approved with amendments.

4. Monitoring of Board of Supervisors Agendas

- District 2 Commissioners will report on the January/February agendas in March.
- February/March report assigned to District 3.

5. Graduation Rates Project Discussion

- Megan asked that one or more underclassmen agree to help lead this project, to ensure that it doesn't stall when the seniors leave the Commission for college. Harjot, Joyce, and Christopher volunteered.
- Following discussion, the Commission agreed to focus on creating a video, rather than an assembly. The video seems like a good first step and an assembly can always be planned later.
- In order to move this project forward, Megan suggested that everyone volunteer to contribute information at the next meeting. Assignments were made as follows:
 - Naomi: Cost of Community College.
 - Megan: Project timeline and technical/video production contacts.
 - Tyler: Review of the 2008 Sacramento County Children's Report Card for information relevant to graduation from high school.
 - Kiki: Interview a guidance counselor at your school about things that impact a student's likelihood/ability to graduate from high school.
 - Stephanie and Elizabeth: High school graduation data for Sacramento County schools.
 - Harjot: research celebrity success stories.
 - Chris: research programs at schools that help students graduate.
 - Joyce: research programs offered by places other than schools, like Boys and Girls Clubs, for example, that help students graduate.
 - Lynn and Michele: List of public high schools by Supervisorial District.

6. New Project Proposal: Multicultural Book Festival for Young People (MBFYP)

Christopher Eur presented his new project proposal, which included several different ideas to increase understanding and tolerance across cultures. The Commission particularly liked the essay project, where youth would write essays on books from or about other cultures. Sacramento Public Library was suggested as a possible sponsor. For the March meeting, each Commission should bring a list of multicultural books.

7. Other Business

- Joyce provided an update on ACS Chinese Youth Board: the board has been formed and is seeking new members. Membership is open youth of all ethnicities who are interested in the topic and willing to work on the board.
- Harjot confirmed that the Coats for Kids drive is finished.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.