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PINELLAS COUNTY YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2014

In Attendance:
Commissioner Justice Exec. Assistant: Ralph Reid
YAC Staff Advisory: Ramona Madhosingh-Hector

Student members: (see attached sign in sheet)

Agenda Outcomes -

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Ralph Reid. Ramona and Ralph facilitated student introductions – name, school and grade. Ralph introduced Amanda Coffey from the County Attorney’s office.

II. Presentation on Florida Sunshine Laws

Ms. Coffey explained the Florida Sunshine Laws and highlighted important components that are pertinent to YAC business. The Open Government law states that public records must be made available for review by public and that documents must be kept based on retention schedules. She referenced the Government in the Sunshine manual. Ms. Coffey noted that YAC should be aware of meeting notice, public comment, and meeting minutes and indicated that these were covered by information hosted on the YAC website. The YAC secretary’s function is very important since minutes are an important requisite of the Sunshine Law. She also cautioned YAC members about discussing YAC business outside of the YAC meetings.

The YAC members thanked Ms. Coffey for her presentation.

III. Discussion on Resolution Establishing YAC

Ralph Reid provided information about the number of YAC members allowed per the revised resolution approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on September 11, 2014. The new resolution provides for up to 25 student members whereas the previous resolution allowed only 15.

At the request of the BCC, YAC advisors facilitated a discussion about criteria the BCC should consider when evaluating future YAC applications.

1. GPA recommended – a minimum of 3.0 – only for 10 through 12 graders
2. Identify 5 regions in the county – use maps to identify regions rather than city limits. This would encourage diversity. Within each region, there should be a limit on the number of students per school.
3. Community service or organizations – students should already be involved in community service and/or local/student organization.
4. Students should provide letters of recommendation – perhaps at least one

Items 1, 3 and 4 should be included on the online form but not “starred” – i.e. information optional rather than required.

IV. Discussion and Adoption of YAC Bylaws

Ralph reviewed the proposed bylaws, which was an update to the existing bylaws, and reminded students that this would serve as “blueprint” for YAC business during this school year.

Article I – All in favor
Article II – All in favor
Article III – 1 opposed, 2 opposed as amended
(discussion about the inclusion of disciplinary actions or referrals, definition of satisfactory scholastic achievement, GPA?)
Article IV – All in favor
Article V - All in favor
Article VI – all in favor
Article VII – All in favor
Article VIII – All in favor
Article XI – All in favor
Article X – All in favor
Article XI – All in favor

Minor grammatical corrections to be made before final version will be distributed.

V. Officer Elections

Student members self nominated and/or nominated others for the open positions. Each candidate was encouraged to share a nomination statement – why they wanted the job, skills, previous experience, etc.

With the election of the YAC Chair, subsequent elections were chaired by him. The chair also identified the need for an additional position – Historian.

The attached document shows the outcomes of the elections and subsequent run-offs.
2014-2015 YAC Officers
YAC Chair – Michael Schuller
YAC Vice Chair – Jared LeVine
Secretary – Marc LeVine
Historian – Jay Shah

VI.
Nomination of YAC representative to Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources Advisory Board

Nominations included Jake Milewsky and Madeline Blake.

PCR Nominee - Maddie

VII.
Other Business

None identified.

VIII.
Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.
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