

City of Hyattsville Education Advisory Committee Minutes
April 22, 2024
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Roll Call: Committee members in attendance:

Nicholas Misukanis (*Ward 2*) - Chair
Michael Angeloni (*Ward 5*)- Secretary
Cynthia Totten (*Ward 4*)
Deshundria Fortson (*Ward 1*)
Lisvette Garcia (*Ward 1*)
Aliya Yancey (*Ward 1*)
Vallorie Watson (*Ward 1*)

Attending Council Liaison

Emily Strab (*Ward 2*)

- Quorum reached and meeting called to order at 6:33pm

- Approve April Agenda

- Motion made by MA and seconded by LG.
- Approved unanimously.

- Approve March 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Motion made by MA and seconded by CT.
- Approved unanimously.

Discussion:

- Update on EAC Committee Roster

- MAR has officially stepped down from Committee.

- Update on Letter to institutionalize city wide back to school event? Any news on approval for funding for Backpack event?

- ES had no updates on the backpacks. Community Services is confident it will continue and have the volunteers lined up for it to be an annual event but did not get definite response. ES will follow up.

- Update on 2024 Educational Committee Grant Program –

- Grant Review Form
 - CC stated city is working on it but no ETA when it will be completed.
 - Nothing else to be done at this point by Committee.
- Follow up on Northwestern Grant
- Spanish language applications for 2024 Grant, next steps?
- Reformatting applications to a google form rather than PDF submission, next steps?

- Backpack distribution event

- August 24th is date
- Creating and dividing tasks
 - NM will share google doc with committee after conclusion of meeting

- Amazon wish list?
 - To be done after completion of meeting and sharing of google doc
 - AY – Donation sites where people could donate around the city.
 - Have done in the past. Not sure how it was coordinated.
 - CC will ask CE and get back to the committee.
 - NM will follow up.
 - LG will take lead on wish list.
 - CT – Teen center could be a drop off center too. Some of the teens may be able to make donations
 - VW – Volunteered at Hyattsville middle school last year for event.
 - Was for PG county, not city.
 - ES – each ward has a pot of money for discretionary funds so reach to to see if this is something they'd like to contribute too.
 - Ask early as people go on vacations in the summer.
 - DF – One school last year had an outdated list, went to the county for assistance.
 - NM – are there any organizations we should be making contact with?
 - ES – business community but will be hit or miss during the Summer.
 - ES – Target or Staples and asking for donation of supplies or a gift card toward the project.
 - VW – Recommend Walmart, will visit and ask.
 - CT – Teachers themselves need supplies, wipes, tissues, hand sanitizer, paper, pens, pencils. Could we incorporate into this?
 - Earlier we send emails and reminders the better
 - AY - Next month's meeting, finalize list and compile businesses with goal of starting ordering in June.

- Principal/EAC meeting October? – Budget Amendment Update and next steps

- ES – NM got the amendment put together, asked for \$1,000. Councilmember McClellan upped it to \$2,000 for a lunch meeting with principals.
 - If we do not use all the money, it will go back to the council pot.
 - Some comments about partnering with Youth Advisory Council, but up to committee if we want to do that.
 - Will have to start reaching out to people in August.
 - Do the event in August and then a follow up event in Q1 2025
- NM proposed an event in August with just principals and staff and then perhaps a follow up event with YAC in March in the evening.
 - NM will be point for August and then discuss ideas with group for March.
 - First step will be to lock in date and get room reserved.

- Update about future initiatives and ideas. Follow up discussion on events and beginning to plan.

- Local Library Initiative
 - AY has no updates at this time
- LGBTQ Lectures/Awareness Initiative
 - MA has no updates at this time

- Teen center
 - DF needs point of contact
 - CC will follow up and let NM and DF know.
 - CT recommended DF reach out to the Youth Advisory Committee. May be opportunity to partner.
 - ES will reach out to head of Community Services on this to gather more information and to invite to a future meeting.
 - CT – one idea is reading initiative committee used to have in the Summer.

- Update on After school program update.

- CC will get back to committee.

- Update on Student youth advisory program.

- CC will get back to committee.

Public comment?

- None in attendance
- VW – Senator Alonzo Washington has sponsored S. 654, bill to create network to determine best priorities for mental and emotional health for high school students to improve school climate.
 - NM – perhaps something we can bring up to principals during August meeting.

Move to adjourn?

- NM moved MA seconded
 - Unanimous vote. Meeting closed at 7:21pm.