

City of Hyattsville Education Advisory Committee Minutes
March 25, 2024

Roll Call: Committee members

Nicholas Misukanis (*Ward 2*) - Chair
Michael Angeloni (*Ward 5*)- Secretary
Melinda Baldwin (*Ward 2*)
Lisvette Garcia (*Ward 1*)
Aliya Yancey (*Ward 1*)

Attending Council Liaison

Emily Strab (*Ward 2*)

Meeting called to order to at 6:34pm

March agenda

- Motion by MB and seconded by MA
- Approved unanimously

Discussion:

- Update regarding missing meeting minutes

- Nov. 23, 2023
 - Located and approved

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

- ES stated Mai was writing a letter, it was sent and forwarded to the clerk's office.
- CE will follow up.
- It is not on the agenda before the City Council as of yet.

- Rosa Parks Elementary – Grant Update

- Prior to the deadline for applications, Mr. Pierre called CE to find out how he can submit an application for the grant. Committee approved and recommended City Council fund it.
- Picked up the check and was very excited. Hugged CE and so excited to be able to fund instruments and purchase them for his students.
- MB asked if there are ways we can feature photos of this for the city to know.
 - CE stated there are photos on the city's social media and also built into a slide and is out there.
 - CE asked about the reporting form we will require. She will send the one that is used in the wellness committee to recipients to ask for information.
 - Ask for photos, etc. of what they are doing with the grand funding.
 - Will put in agenda to approve for next meeting

- Update on 2024 Educational Committee Grant Program –

- Grant Review Form
 - MB will share

- Will be translated into Spanish
- Follow up on Northwestern Grant
 - LG will follow up on this to make sure they received the funds and send follow up form.
 - CE heard from teacher and did receive the check and will make sure she is aware to file form.
- Spanish language applications for 2024 Grant, next steps?
 - City staff will handle taking care of the formatting and translating into Spanish and will share with Committee before opening of next grant cycle.
- Reformatting applications to a google form rather than PDF submission, next steps?
- Backpack distribution event
 - Creating and dividing tasks
 - No forms needed to be filled out.
 - CE will confirm but date seems to be August 24th
 - Event will be all hands on deck, city and committee support
 - MB said that Mai worked on the funding, etc
 - AY said we ended up with a lot of extra materials, which ended up to be fine as we donated them, but ran out of clear backpacks.
 - Perhaps order clear backpacks ahead of time.
 - Things that are most important can be ordered by committee and rest donated from community.
 - NM will begin drafting task list and will reach out to MB, AY, and LG to begin planning.
 - Amazon wish list?
 - LG will lead and MA will assist as needed.
 - Look into if HS students can help to get some volunteering hours.
 - ES said we would just need the date of the backpack packing in advance to make sure orders are received before then.
 - AY stated the clear backpacks took a little longer to arrive so it was difficult to plan the date.
 - LG has the email that was sent last year to listservs in the community, etc.
- Principal/EAC meeting October? – Begin Planning, next steps.
 - NM proposed filing a special amendment to receive funding for it so we can be ready for October.
 - Committee agreed.
 - NM will be in contact with ES and another Council member for support on this.
 - City fiscal year starts in July, so if planning for October that would be the next fiscal year 2025, ES would have to put it in as an amendment for this fiscal year.
 - Will be cheaper at the municipal building if we want to do a central location.
 - ES will put in the amendment so long as committee provides a budget.
 - AY stated she is happy to assist with facilitating, etc.
- Update about future initiatives and ideas. Follow up discussion on events and beginning to plan.

- AY proposed listening sessions at local libraries which could be free, letting community know we are here and available.
 - Would have to be publicized and communicated with the community and be coordinated with the library and need to have minutes and an agenda due to the Open Meetings Act.
 - MA proposed coordination of lecture circuit and also some type of event for National Coming Out Day or Spirit Day.
 - ES stated we should also push MH programs as well.
 - MA is researching to see what activities schools are already doing.
 - CT proposed an idea on language programming to encourage reading or amplify already existing programming.
- Update on After school program update & Student Youth Advisory Program Update
- Youth Advisory Committee is active and recruiting new members.
 - Process continuing through May and then students will apply to be members of the committee.
 - They will have to write an essay and interview with the Council.
 - Very active on need for Narcan training and testified before School Board to advocate for adding to HS curriculum.
 - Currently 9 members of committee, with room for 20, and 2 are graduating this year.
- Introduce Maraya Burks
- Had to leave the meeting early.

Public comment?

- VW spoke as a foster grandmother and has worked in 2 schools here for a long time and is also a part of a scholarship committee for 3 years.
 - Agreed that the library would be a fantastic place to have a public meeting.
 - Wants to help us help support teachers and the schools
 - Have lived in Hyattsville for 11 years.
 - Won volunteer of the year award in 2017 for foster parents.
 - ES will appoint her at the next meeting.
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- ES stated Council will see budget on Wednesday 3/27, and is a fast turnaround for amendments. Will send NM what an amendment would look like.
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- MA proposed motion to submit amendment to Council and LG seconded. Unanimously approved.
 - ES already met with VW this afternoon.

Move to adjourn?

Motion by MA seconded by AY

Adjourned at 7:28