

**City of Hyattsville Education Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**February 26, 2024**  
**6:30 PM – 8 :00 PM**

**Roll Call:**

**Michael Angeloni**  
**Melinda Baldwin**  
**Deshundria Fortson**  
**Nicholas Misukanis**  
**Cynthia Totten**  
**Aliya Yancey**

**City Staff in Attendance:**

**Cindi Calderon**

**Quorum – Achieved**

- Motion to start meeting by **MA** and seconded by **DF**
  - Approved

**Missing meeting minutes**

- Nov. 27, 2023
  - Moved to approve at March meeting
- July 24, 2023
  - Moved to approve at March meeting

**Follow up on 2024 EAC meeting calendar? New dates approved?**

- Approved and added to city calendar

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

- In process for budgeting for FY25, update to come.

**Update on 2024 Educational Committee Grant Program – Follow up on Northwestern Grant**

- Because of the way the vote was made in City Council, that grant was added to others approved by EAC.
  - **LG** will follow up with them.
  - **NM** has concerns about application and asked about specifics. Need follow up before moving forward
- Spanish language applications for 2024 Grant
  - **CC** confirmed it is possible to do for next round of applications.
  - Will also add an email address to the application.
    - **CC** will confirm with **CE** if there is a general inbox the committee can use.
- Reformatting applications to a google form rather than PDF submission
  - Moved by **MA** and seconded by **NM**.

- Unanimously approved.

### **Principal/EAC meeting? – Look to Fall 2024?**

- Opportunity for us to introduce ourselves to principals and help them raise concerns.
  - **DF** agreed should be in the fall, preferably October.
  - Begin planning of event in July to reach out and coordinate a meeting with principals.
  - In-person meeting would be preferred vs. Zoom. Would be at City Hall
  - Committee will cast a wide net toward principals of different types of schools.
  - Invite the principal as well as the parent engagement officer.
    - At least 2 from each school.
    - In the past committee has invited members from School Board.
    - Committee agreed to invite only principals for this meeting and invite School Board for another meeting.

### **Police and school crossing guards?**

- No new updates at this time.
- **CT** – Son goes to Ceaser Chavez. School is not eligible for crossing guards because it is not a walking school, considered a drop off school.
- **DF** – at kids school guards still need to be hired.
  - Should be something we raise with the School Board

### **Update on After school program update?**

- Still an ongoing program as of now.
- Current registration of 23 in the leadership program.

### **Update on Student youth advisory program?**

- Presented during the public comment of school board meeting last week.
- Updated the video on the school board website.
- **NM** will follow up

### **Discussion about future initiatives or ideas**

- **MB** – partner with libraries on reading program.
  - Could be for potential bonus points or extra credit.
  - **CT** likes this idea, just be aware in previous reading programs kids would get a snack and unsure if this would be available at libraries.
- **MA** – LGBTQ+ trainings and education in schools in the wake of Nex Benedict
- **AY** – Lack of communication in community amongst parents and collaboration with parents.
  - Ways the city can bring communities together, i.e. Spanish speaking families and English-speaking families as one big school community.
- **CT** – Language table exchange
- **DF** – Mentor program with the teen center.

- Currently does not have one.
- **CT** – Used to be a young person committee.
  - **CC** will check to see if the committee still exists.
  - Students’ perspective could be incredibly helpful.
- New center is not open yet
  - No updates on when it will be completed
- **CT** – Homelessness among the youth in Hyattsville and are there ways the committee can be helpful to families in the city.
  - **DF** – Some schools have activities where they give food for the kids to have over the weekend.

**Public comment?**

- None

**Move to adjourn?**

- Motioned by **MA**, seconded by **DF**
  - Approved unanimously.