

Educational Advisory Committee minutes:
1-23-2023

The Educational Advisory Committee established that we had a quorum and that the meeting could proceed.

In attendance:

Jackie Lizama (City of Hyattsville Liaison)
Dr. Deshundra Fortson (EAC member)
Mai Abdul Rahman (EAC member)
Cynthia Totten (EAC member)
Emily Strab (Hyattsville Council Member)
Melinda Baldwin (EAC member)
Sean Porter (City of Hyattsville)

Absent:

Nicholas

The committee welcomed a new member: Dr. Deshundra Fortson. Dr. Fortson is a member of the Hyattsville community. She works for DC government and is a licensed professional counselor.

The committee moved to approve the minutes

Cynthia moved to approve the minutes; Mai seconded the motion; motion passed

Review of Submitted Grant Applications

All applications were reviewed individually, voted on, and approved by the committee.

1. Northwestern High School:
They are asking for mouthpieces for the alto saxophones. \$490.65 is the total amount being requested. There are 100-150 students in the High School Band.
Mai moved to approve the application; Cynthia seconded; motion passed.
2. Northwestern High School
This application is requesting sheet music for the jazz ensemble.
Mai moved to approve the application; Cynthia seconded; motion passed
3. Northwestern High School
The grant application is for additional sheet music for a total of \$500.00.
Mai moved to approve the application; Cynthia seconded; motion passed.
4. Northwestern High School
Christopher Renberg, Band Director/Music Department Chair
Request is for AV carts and wagon bags for a total of \$478.96. They will be able to be used for many years.
Mai moved to approve the application; Cynthia seconded; motion passed.

5. Northwestern High School
Christopher Renberg, Band Director/Music Department Chair
Request for a wireless sound system to include a speaker stand, wireless headset system, and a portable PA system for a total of \$379.93.
Mai moved to approve the application; Cynthia seconded; motion passed.
6. Northwestern High School
Christopher Renberg, Band Director/Music Department Chair
Request is for concert vests that will be worn by the students while performing. The request is for \$479.20. This request is supplementing funding that has been provided by the school.
Mai moved to approve the application; Cynthia seconded; motion passed
7. Northwestern High School
Julianne Martinelli, Edward M. Felegy Elementary School. The request is for creating an original opera using story telling. The request is for \$496.04.
Mai moved to approve the application; Cynthia seconded; motion passed.

Outcome of the EAC proposal amendment to EAC Grant application?

Laura stated we can do a PPT presentation or a member of our committee can speak to the Council. We need to speak at the 2-6 -2023 meeting to explain why we are requesting more funding. We decided to craft a PPT slide to ensure that we have included all of the committee's viewpoints and then one of the members of the committee can be there to answer any questions that may be posed by the Council. Melinda Baldwin will represent the committee.

Reasons for changing the date: give more time for the students to complete the projects, give more time for the teachers to implement the projects.

Student overdoses in school: (there have been four incidents)

Mai wants to ensure that Narcon training can be provided to willing school teachers. The committee could provide refreshments for any training sessions. Narcon is the medication administered.

Emily – this is already on the Council's radar. Dan is in favor. If it is training for school teachers, there is no guarantee that we could provide Narcon training at the school. Reggie suggested to hold the training at the library. Training is less than an hour. Coordinating the training, and getting the information to the teachers. Training has already been provided to community members.

The target audience is the high school teachers. Training can't be provided at the high school, but must be off site. It is the county is limits access to the high school. The SRO officers in the high school have taken the training and the schools have a Narcon kit.

Jackie recommends that we discuss the details with Reggie.

Cynthia: was Narcon administered in the four overdose incidents? Mai: yes, the SROs have been trained.

Mai: The Police and Public Safety Committee discussed how to educate teens about the dangers of using laced drugs. Can we have a synergistic effort between the two committees. Committee members agreed and we are prepared to engage the other committee in this effort. Perhaps we can discuss the concerns during our meeting with the principals in March.

Cynthia: How do we supplement what is already being done?

Tackling the substantial increase in juvenile crime:

How we help young people not engage in criminal activities? What are the community activities where young people can interact, play sports, or engage in arts activities? What is currently happening with youth engagement and outreach?

Jackie reported:

- The Youth Advisory Council has to be restarted. The new Youth Advisory Council hasn't begun. Leadership program has been taking place to prepare youth to be on the Council. This includes helping the youth learn about advocacy and how to run their own committee.
- The teen center is in full swing between 3 and 5 pm. Scheduled programming between 5-6 pm on a daily basis. Support/educational groups are led. Middle school and high schoolers are invited to tutoring occurs between M-Th between the hours 6:30-8pm. A successful MLK event was held during the holiday.
- Cynthia requested that the teen center staff come to the committee to discuss the events, participation, and response to the programs.
- Sean reported that 40 students are signed up for the Teen Center. The physical facilities may limit the number of student participation. 60 students are signed up for tutoring. The leadership program is at capacity at 28 students. Outreach activities target the schools during lunch hours. Hyattsville City employee youth leaders have done presentations and have a relationship with school personnel.

Approval of Monthly Meeting Schedule:

The Council is to meet the fourth Monday of each month except for December.
Melinda moved; Cynthia seconded; motion carried.

Nominations for Committee Officers

Melinda Baldwin self-nominated to be the Recording Secretary

Mai Abudul Rahman self-nominated to be the Chair of the Committee

Chair:	Cynthia moved; Mai seconded; motion passed
Recording Secretary:	Mai moved; Cynthia seconded; motion passed

Recruitment and on-boarding of EAC members.

We have 5 spaces and 4 applicants

Next meeting the EAC will discuss the following:

Teen Center activities

Summer conflict resolution workshops

Meeting was adjourned.