

**City of Hyattsville Educational Advisory Committee Meeting
February 27, 2023**

In attendance:

Melinda Baldwin
Mai Abdul Rahman
Deshundria Forston (Ward 1)
Michael Angeloni (Ward 5)
City of Hyattsville representative, Cheri Everhart
Nicholas Misukanis

Absent:

Cynthia Totten (excused absence)
Council liaisons are absent

Agenda for today's meeting and minutes from the January 2023 meeting were approved.

Mai: We have four vacancies on the committee.

1. Outcomes of EAC Grant application amendments:

Melinda reported out on council meeting regarding grants. Council was appreciative of the information about the EAC grants. They agree of changing the application deadlines (not during summer break) and allowing applicants to apply for more than one grant if the project's expenditures are over \$500. They were particularly excited about outreach activities that would encourage schools that haven't yet applied. The Council will vote on increasing the amount of grant funding allocated to the EAC.

The Council and Mayor would like the EAC to consider alternative ways to incentivize awarded grantees to submit reports so that we can be accountable for taxpayer dollars. The Committee discussed different methods of reporting including providing a template, renaming the document "report" to something more inviting, asking for pictures, having EAC members visit schools.

The Committee recommended that grantee reporting include an overview of how the money was spent, which could include pictures, playbills, and other information that describes how the money was used. The Health and Wellness committee has a simple reporting form. They will provide it to the Committee. Melinda will work on drafting a template for the Committee's review and discussion.

2. Updates: Meeting with school principals.

The City of Hyattsville staff liaisons, Sean Porter and Jacqueline, left the City of Hyattsville and both now work for PG County. The City of Hyattsville is unclear as to how long it will take to replace and onboard new staff. City of Hyattsville doesn't have the capacity to support a meeting in March. We should reschedule the meeting.

3. **Summer Plans**
With the rise of juvenile crime, these summer programs are key to help provide constructive activities for young people. The committee has discussed providing conflict resolution workshops to be held in the summer as part of the summer program.
4. **Teen Center Updates:**
Working on the new teen center. There is some damage in the inside which necessitates additional work. Projected opening is still in October/November.

School age programs at Driscoll: Tues/Thursday – 13 participants in the jr. scholars.
Thursday leadership: 24 youth are participating. This is the feeder program to the youth advisory program. The age range for youth programs is 14-18.

Tutoring is for all ages and currently has 59 participants T, W, Th: 6:30-8 pm. Some are in person, and some are virtual.
5. **Narcan training for teachers.** We have had 4 overdose events in the high school. The young people were saved due to a police officer administering Narcan. We have advocated for training teachers at the middle and high schools. Can we provide lunch to teachers while they take the Narcan training.
Discussion: Michael discussed providing resources for those individuals who have overdosed intentionally. We could discuss providing psychological First Aid and/or mental health literacy to the teachers as well. Committee agreed to have Mai will call Reggie tomorrow to discuss Narcan training. Our council representative, Emily Straub, is supportive of this activity.
6. **Meeting minutes** are not posted on the website. The Staff liaison is to send the approved meeting minutes to the City Clerk who then posts them. EAC will ensure that the City Clerk receives them.
7. **EAC Vacancies.**
Michael Angeloni is our newest member. Michael Angeloni moved in Hyattsville five months ago. Have a passion for education issues. Family members are teachers/principals. Has a passion for issues of disability and LGBTQ+ in the school systems. There are three applicants pending Council approval. This will increase our representation across the City.
8. **Public Comment:** We have one attendee at the committee meeting, Brandon Cross. He does not have a comment at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31.

