

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

Meeting held virtually

Roll Call: Committee members

Mai Abdul Rahman (*Ward 1*) - Chair
Melinda Baldwin (*Ward 2*)- Secretary
Nicholas Misukanis (*Ward 2*)
Cynthia Totten (*Ward 4*)
Deshundria Fortson (*Ward 1*)
Michael Angelino (*Ward 5*)
Lisvette Garcia (*Ward 1*)
Aliya Yancey (*Ward 1*)

Attending Council Liaison

Emily Strab (*Ward 2*)

There were no visitors

There was not an EAC meeting in November.

1. Discussion of EAC Calendar:

- The dates for the EAC meetings need to be approved. There is a holiday on May 27th (Memorial Day).

Motion: Nicholas made a motion to change the May meeting to May 13th. Lizette seconded. Passed unanimously.

- Back to School night and back pack preparation will be during the June and July meetings
- March is when we have a meeting with the school principals.

Committee Discussion:

Cynthia recommended changing the date of the December meeting as it is very close to the Christmas holiday. She recommended December 16th as a potential meeting date. We could meet on December 9th. We did not meet in December in 2023. The committee is wondering if we cannot meet in December. Mai expressed concern that follow up with grants is needed during December. We are proposing to meet on December 9th.

Motion: Nicholas made a motion to change the December meeting to December 9th.

Lizette seconded. Passed unanimously

2. Grant Program:

We received, and can fund, 10 complete applications for grants. Cheri shared her screen for the Committee to discuss. The first one we only received the front page. Cheri followed up with the applicant, but did not hear back from them. We can consider schools that are in surrounding communities as long as students from Hyattsville attend the school.

Discussion:

The City will send them the money. Mai noted that we haven't received reports from our previously funded grants. For example from another committee, the Health and Wellness pushed the applicants to return the report form timely. Mai: we need the report template out before the end of the school year. We approved a simplified form.

Mai: We don't refrain from giving funding. The City does want us to get the reports. We changed the timing of grants so that they can spend the money during their third quarter. Getting consent to take pictures of children may be difficult. We should honor the amount they requested. We have promised to get the money to the recipients on February 20th. We should go ahead approve.

Mike: Recommends funding all of the applications. He particularly liked the one from Eileen Lengenfelder – STEAM teacher: Sustainable Farm Project. Eileen submitted two different applications.

Deshundria: If each EAC member contacted grant recipients and followed up with them in an attempt to find out about their experience

The committee is approving all of the applications except for the first one that was an incomplete application. Lizette volunteered to call them. The applications are due to be presented to the Council at their next meeting.

Motion: Approve all complete 10 applications. Motion approved unanimously.

Postpone the vote on the first app until after we contact the applicant.

3. Additional News:

We have not completed our agenda. Principals meeting in March needs to be planned.

Police will serve as crossing guards. DC is using volunteers, not police officers. County is looking at the requirements for being a crossing guards and expanding their search to recruit more guards.

Thank to Mai for her leadership of the Committee.

Move to adjourn – passed unanimously.

