

City of Hyattsville
Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 28, 2022

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Open to the public:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83414302097>

Attendance

Committee Members Present:

Mai Abdul Rahman

Cynthia Totten

Maira Delao

Nicholas Misukanis

Michelle Thornton

Additional Members:

Patrick Paschall

Pamela Boozer-Strother

Councilman Daniel Peabody

Councilman Jimmy McClellan

Agenda

Approval of February Meeting minutes

Unanimous approval

1. American Rescue Plan Act presentation and discussion with Patrick Paschall

Presentation of the American Rescue Plan and the goals for this funding

Additional discussion of the Expenditure Category and their targeting impact

MAR: Are there ways that we can allocate amounts of funding towards our educational endeavors? How would you envision helping us?

PP: The interventions that you are requesting fall within the categories that funding fall within. The Council is currently trying to allocate the funding and establish a quarterly administrative schedule for allocations. What it all depends on is what the Educational Advisory Committee wants to support and what they recommend to the council so that the council can officially approve the funds.

MAR: What has currently been allocated?

PP: Council has allocated some funds to hire myself and establish an office to keep records up to date for when the funds are audited. Additionally, some funds have been allocated to the city's vaccination effort.

MAR: So what is left?

PP: We have to commit to spending everything by 2024 and have everything under contract by then. We have received 8 million and will receive more in June.

MAR: The students we are currently mostly wanting to work with are those that have been moved because of the school construction.

PBS: There is a full year of school construction ahead of us. The Hyattsville school will not be finished until August 2023.

NM: So is the formal process to request an allocation of funds formally from the City Council and they make the final decision.

PP: Yes. Essentially, you will petition the City Council to allocate the funds with the caveat that they are geared towards equity and targeted towards pandemic relief or aid.

MAR: The big thing we want to allocate funds towards are the children that are struggling without food and those in particular that are waiting at the schools till 5/6pm.

CT: Are there currently any proposals in front of the City Council that we could latch onto?

PP: There is currently nothing that comes to mind, we are hiring staff to communicate the funds that exist and those that we could allocate towards but right now we have plenty of funds to work with.

MD: Do you have an idea of how quickly the funds will be allocated?

PP: It will depend on how quickly something is approved and if modifications needed to be made or there are more questions but the hope is that by late April, we will have a clear idea of a string of proposals to allocate funds to a category that people can then directly apply to.

MAR: How can we help streamline the process? Are there letters or documents we can provide to make this move quickly?

PP: That will depend on what people provide. It will depend on the amount/allocation they are applying for. If there are specific proposals you are considering, I am happy to take a look at these proposals and provide feedback. Right now the target is larger programming and allocating millions of dollars. Smaller programs will experience a longer delay.

MAR: Is there a way that we can aid the families that won't be able to attend these meetings or those who can't advocate for themselves?

CT: It sounds like we could write these things up and submit applications to allocate these funds and it could help us.

PP: For further concerns or questions, please feel free to email me.

2. Hyattsville Middle School Snack Funding and Snack delivery

SAR: The school had received a \$500 grant from our previous meeting. There were other funds allocated as well. The LAYC was able to purchase snacks and we were able to deliver a lot of snacks.

3. Summer Enrichment Program

JM: After reviewing the program, we actually have a lot of programs that do meet a lot of our goals. If there is stuff we want to do in the future for next summer, we will want to think about stuff and make a proposal in November/December for next summer. Additionally, at this point, trying to get things on the next cycle would be very difficult.

CT: Let include the Summer reading and Enrichment Programs in our letter to Patrick for what will be submitted to the council. Be sure to include in the program description that this program also entails students getting books to take home at the end of the summer.

4. Hyattsville Principals Meeting

MAR: We need to figure out how to limit how much we give to one school or see if we can expand the meeting. I also want us to consider changing the date that it is due.

CT: I would like to see this pushed out in October for more time to consider projects.

MAR: I will put this on the agenda then. Can we target at least on elementary school principle to come to our meeting?

SAR: What meeting do we want them to attend?

CT: Let's try for April as May is too close to the end of the school year?

MAR: We have a wonderful group of people here on our committee.

Motion to adjourn meeting

Unanimous approval

5. Letter to Council

6. Public Comments