

Minutes - APPROVED
Education Advisory Committee
February 8, 2016
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Attendees

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Tricia Homer, <i>Dist 1</i>	<u>X</u>	
Charlene Mahoney, <i>Dist 2</i>	<u>X</u>	
Dawn Powers, <i>Dist 2</i>	<u>X</u>	
Cory Sanders, <i>Dist 1</i>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Melissa Day, <i>Dist 3</i>	<u>X</u>	
Carolyn Bernache, <i>Dist 4</i>	<u>X</u>	
Doris Ellis, <i>Dist 4</i>	<u>X</u>	
Alethea Ten Eyck-Sanders	<u>X</u>	
Peggy Wilson, <i>UMD</i>	<u>X</u>	

Also Present:

Abigail Delgado, CP Youth & Family Services Asst. Outreach Coordinator; Helene Cohen, UMD College of Education; Ana Burya, High Point HS PEA; Angelia Cabrerra, High Point HS.
Peggy Higgins, Staff Liaison; Laura Salers, Contract Secretary

Call to Order

Ms. Bernache called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Copies of the January minutes were distributed. Ms. Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Ms. Day. Minutes approved.

Old Business

Discussion of Strategies to Increase Parent Involvement in Our Local Schools:

Guests shared strategies and policies in their respective schools, which have been shown to improve parental involvement and build a positive family/school relationship. Highlights include:

Ms. Burya & Ms. Cabrerra – High Point High School

- Greet parents in a welcoming manner
- Make phone calls to parents in their native language
- Listen to their concerns and direct them to the help they need and follow up
- ESOL Team hosted monthly/bi-monthly workshops targeted to their specific needs.
- Past workshop topics include: filling out lunch form, FAFSA help, Immigration Law family rights, Gang Awareness.
- Robo calls that are friendly and personal, some calls made by volunteers for a personal touch

- Provide service hours for babysitting during meetings and workshops.
- Volunteer team in schools consisting of parents provided with ID's and matching "Parents in Touch" t-shirts. They help, encourage students and monitor the hallways.
- Formed "Parents Helping Parents" volunteer group to network outside of school hours.
- Teachers have open classroom policy
- Always passing out PTSA applications to parents that come to the school
- Help families connect with SchoolMax, setting up email addresses for them and assisting with the App download on their cell phones.
- Help families fill out forms, problem solves for them and work with school nurse on immunization issues.

Helene Cohen, University of Maryland:

Ms. Cohen is currently the Executive Director of The Office of Innovation and Partnerships which oversees technology-enhanced and global initiatives as well as partnerships between the College of Education and Maryland school districts, funding agencies, and various US government entities. One way in which Ms. Cohen's office engages with local schools by placing interns into the schools. Terrapin Teachers are math and science majors that are placed in public schools and encouraged to become teachers. The College Park Academy is another way the University and City have engaged to work with the local schools. Initiatives that align with the mission of the University, which are feasible and financially sustainable are offered to students and professors. Ms. Cohen is open to ideas from the City for future initiatives.

New Business

Eric Olsen Request for Consideration of Change in EAC's Recommendation:

Mr. Olsen's proposal to use the available \$80,000 education funding to hire a person to coordinate the volunteer educational power on campus to engage in local schools was discussed by the Committee. The proposed funding distribution is a valuable and appreciated proposal and meets the immediate needs of the schools. Supporting Mr. Olsen's proposal without any details, such as job description or how the funding will be sustained, is difficult.

Ms. Powers made a motion to vote on the recommendation at hand tonight. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilson. Motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Powers made a motion to approve the original recommendations which were put forward by the Committee: 10 schools receiving \$1,000 for communications/publicity, 10 schools receiving \$5,000 for DataWise/Professional Development, and \$5,000 each for 4 schools that have the largest percentage of College Park residents as students.

After a brief discussion, Ms. Powers amended her motion to include the College Park Academy as a recipient of funds. The funds will be awarded: \$1,000 to 10 College Park public schools for Communications/Publicity, \$5,000 to 11 schools (including CPA) for DataWise/Staff development, and the top 4 schools serving College Park children will each receive \$3,750.00. The amendment was seconded by Ms. Wilson and unanimously approved.

Adjournment: Ms. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Ms. Homer. Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm.