

APPROVED Minutes
Education Advisory Committee
March 16, 2015
City Hall

Attendees

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Brian Bertges, <i>Dist 1</i>	_____	<u> X </u>
Tricia Homer, <i>Dist 1</i>	<u> X </u>	_____
Charlene Mahoney, <i>Dist 2</i>	<u> X </u>	_____
Cory Sanders, <i>Dist 1</i>	<u> X </u>	_____
Maia Sheppard, <i>Dist 2</i>	<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>	_____
Peggy Wilson, <i>UMD</i>	_____	<u> X </u>

Also Present:

Peggy Higgins, Staff Liaison and Laura Salers, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Dr. Bernache called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM.

Agenda Items

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Dr. Bernache asked the committee to review the February meeting minutes. Ms. Sheppard motioned to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Homer and the minutes were approved.

Old Business

Camp Scholarship Applications

Ms. Higgins distributed the application information to the committee, summarized in two spreadsheets. One spreadsheet contained information regarding first time applicants and the other, repeat applicants. The spreadsheet contained details such as number of times they have applied, number of times they have received a scholarship, their first and second choice of camp, the cost of the camp and if siblings are also seeking a scholarship. There are 36 new applications and 20 repeat applications for a total of 56.

Ms. Higgins discussed the availability of funds for the camp scholarships. She shared that there is \$6600 available in the EAC budget for camp scholarships. The EAC has \$5,900 in the

budget for “Other Projects”, and this can be used for scholarships. Also, there is \$5,000 available in the EAC budget for “School Grants” because two schools did not apply for grants this year. These sources combined gives the EAC \$17,500 for camp scholarships.

Ms. Homer reminded the committee that they had discussed giving preference to requests for the reading camp. Dr. Bernache also reminded the committee that first time applicants received scholarships for their first choice last year. Repeat applicants were given mostly their second choice because it was least expensive and it allowed the committee to award more scholarships.

Selection Process

First time applicants will be awarded their first choice, if it is the least expensive or it is Reading Camp.

Ms. Sheppard made a motion that the EAC would make it a priority to award a scholarship to every applicant. Ms. Homer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ms. Sheppard made a motion that the EAC will award repeat applicants with their lower cost choice. Ms. Homer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The final motion by Ms. Sheppard was that the committee would have a random drawing of new applicants, whose first choice is more expensive than their second, with family members together on one slip. The scholarships will be awarded on a first come first served basis as they are drawn, until the funds are exhausted.

At the conclusion of the drawing, all 56 applicants received a scholarship for camp.

Closing remarks and Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm by consensus.

Minutes prepared by Laura Salers