

**Minutes
Education Advisory Committee
May 18, 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> (via phone)	_____
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> (left at 7:40pm)	_____

Also Present:

Sheryl DeWalt, Contract Secretary

Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:15 pm. The minutes from April 20, 2015 were reviewed and a change was made to correct that Ms. Wilson was in attendance at the meeting. Ms. Bernache made a motion to accept the minutes with changes. Ms. Mahoney seconded the motion. All in favor; no opposed.

UMD Summer Camp

With regards to the UMD Summer Camp, one family is supposed to pay an additional \$90 for the overnight portion several weeks ago which was in addition to the application, but has not yet paid. Efforts have been made to reach the family via phone, emails and letters. The committee needs to determine whether or not to withdraw the application. There is also a decision to be made for Mrs. Nancy Rexrode who turned in a tardy application for camp for her three children and they are not able to participate and allow her children to attend.

After discussion, Ms. Bernache made a motion that if we do not hear from the family by June 1 than Ms. Higgins is authorized to withdraw the child from Summer Camp. The monies will be made available for Mrs. Rexrode's children. Ms. Wilson seconded the motion. All in favor; no opposed.

EAC Presentation to City Council

At the April 28 City Council meeting, the EAC and its role was discussed. Ms. Higgins was at the meeting and typed up a summation of the discussion (see attached). The following items were discussed and suggested:

- It was made official that the EAC will not have meetings during June, July or December.
- The grant information/impact of work needs to be more widely publicized.
- \$80,000 available for College Park schools. How can the monies be used? What recommendations can be made to City Council?
 - Sponsor an essay contest or poster contest. Prizes given as gift cards.
 - Scholarships - \$2000 or \$3000 scholarships for each high school
 - Updated technology and text books
 - Interview principals and administrators and see what they think is the greatest need for their schools and what is feasible.
 - Work with school counselors and Lions Club on books for children based on approved list.
- Participate in College Park Day. Have winners of essays read them and winning posters on display.
- Publicize the good things students are doing.

More discussion and follow up will be done at the August meeting.

Elections and Meeting Dates

Elections were done for a Chair and Co-chair of the EAC as follows:

- Ms. Homer made a motion for Ms. Bernache to become Chair of EAC. Ms. Ellis seconded the motion. All in favor; no opposed.
- Ms. Ellis made a motion for Ms. Homer to become Co-chair of EAC. Ms. Bernache seconded the motion. All in favor; no opposed.

Meeting dates were stated as follows with the meetings beginning at 7:30pm:

August 17 (Ms. Ellis will be at a conference)

September 21

October 19

November 16

January 11 (changed due to MLK holiday)

February 8 (changed due to President's Day holiday)

March 21

April 18

May 16

Ms. Bernache stated she will review the dates and confirm that there is no conflict.

August meeting items

The following items will be on the agenda for the August 17 meeting:

- Fulbright Scholars
- Pre-school fair
- Ms. Homer would like to discuss facilitating activities to prioritize and subcommittees created to handle each project/tasks.
- EAC grants

Adjournment

Ms. Bernache made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Homer seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Minutes submitted by Sheryl DeWalt, Contract Secretary.