

Minutes

Education Advisory Committee (EAC)

January 23, 2023

Virtual Meeting

Attendees

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
David Toledo, <i>Dist 4</i>	<u>X</u>	
Vilay Senthap, <i>Dist 1</i>	<u>X</u>	
Susan Miller, <i>Dist 1</i>		<u>X</u>
Dawn Powers, <i>Dist 2</i>	<u>X</u>	
Carolyn Bernache, <i>Dist 4</i>	<u>X</u> (joined @ 8:13)	
Tessie Aikara, <i>Dist 4</i>	<u>X</u>	
Carson Peters, <i>Dist 4</i>	<u>X</u>	
Isaiah Warfield, <i>Dist 2</i>	<u>X</u>	
Daniel Levin, UMD		<u>X</u>

Also Present

Kiaisha Barber, Staff Liaison
Carleveva Thompson, Contract Secretary

Call to Order

Mr. Toledo called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Old Business

Approval of the November Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from the November 17, 2022, meeting.

Ms. Senthap motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Ms. Powers. All members in favor; no opposed. Motion carries, 6-0-0.

Update on Achievement Recognition Strategies

The Committee discussed Hollywood Elementary's decision to post the signs on school grounds and thought this was a good idea instead of distributing the signs to the parents. The Committee also discussed if there were additional ways to provide achievement recognition for students such as bumper stickers. The signs should also be in English and Spanish.

Update on The Every Child Project (TECP)

Ms. Barber provided an update that 3 tutors and 3 students are successfully paired together. 10 tutors have completed background checks and are ready to start tutoring. Ms. Barber sent the TECP flyer to the school representative as a reminder that tutors are available.

Update on Imagine Learning My Path Program

Ms. Barber provided an update that a presentation on the My Path Program was presented to City Council on December 6, 2022, to see if the Council would like to move forward with the program. The next steps are to go back to Council, have the City Attorney review a sample contract, and write up position description for a program administrator.

EAC School Grants

Ms. Barber provided an update that Cherokee Lane, High Point, University Park, Hollywood, and Parkdale have not submitted EAC grant applications to date. It was suggested to revisit the meeting held with the school principals to encourage the schools to submit grant applications.

School PTA funding

Ms. Powers sent an email to Paint Branch's PTA with the following questions:

1. How much the membership costs?
2. What amount goes to the state PTA for dues?
3. Is the PTA cost a barrier preventing parents from joining?
4. Would the PTA rather have a fund sent for specific activities instead of paying for memberships?
5. What activities would the funds be used for?

Ms. Bernache suggested to send the questions to all schools.

Budget Review

Ms. Barber provided an update that the EAC has spent \$5,117 this fiscal year and there is \$1,783 remaining for miscellaneous costs. The Committee discussed purchasing books to distribute at Maryland Day and having an essay contest in honor of Ms. Greene-Colby. The Committee will brainstorm topics around 4-H for the essay contest.

Mr. Toledo motioned to set a deadline of March 20, 2023, for schools to submit grant applications. The Committee will then decide how to use the unused funds and ask the Council for permission to use the money for a different initiative. Second by Ms. Bernache. All members in favor; no opposed. Motion carries, 7-0-0.

New Business

Speakers at Future EAC Meetings

- Mr. Andy Fellows would like to attend a future EAC meeting to discuss relationships with the University of Maryland.

- Mr. Joseph Fisher, who is associated with First Generation College Bound Ink, follows 11th and 12th graders and walks them through the Pell grant process. Mr. Fisher would like to attend a future EAC to provide more information. It costs \$2,000 to cover one student through the Pell grant process. Ms. Bernache suggested the Committee could create a scholarship to fund one or more students for the Pell grant process.

Adjournment

Mr. Toledo adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.