

Minutes

Education Advisory Committee (EAC)

January 24, 2022

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>	
Dawn Powers, <i>Dist 2</i>	<u>X</u>	
Melissa Day, <i>Dist 3</i>		<u>X</u>
Rose Greene-Colby, <i>Dist 3</i>	<u>X</u> ¹	
Carolyn Bernache, <i>Dist 4</i>	<u>X</u>	
Tessie Aikara, <i>Dist 4</i>	<u>X</u>	
Daniel Levin, UMD	<u>X</u>	

¹Joined at 7:39 p.m.

Also Present

Kiaisha Barber, Staff Liaison

Carleveva Thompson, Contract Secretary

Call to Order

Ms. Bernache called the meeting to order at 7:33p.m.

Old Business

Approval of the November Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from the November 15, 2021 meeting.

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

Review 2021 Annual Report

Ms. Barber presented the EAC's annual report to the City Council on January 18, 2022 and the report was well received. The Council asked for an update on the Literacy Lab pilot at Hollywood Elementary as well as what schools are doing and how the City can support school activities. There was also discussion on the \$8,000 grant awarded to Paint Branch for Chromebooks.

It was suggested for the EAC to provide more guidelines on what the funding from EAC grants can be used for at the schools. The Committee will review and refine the school grant applications at the next scheduled meeting.

Ms. Bernache informed the Committee of a program called Edgenuity that can be used in schools for students that are not at grade level and can help bring the students up to grade level. If the Committee is interested, Ms. Bernache will contact a representative to provide more information to the Committee.

Mr. Levin stated that students from the University of Maryland can be available for free tutoring through Zoom. Mr. Levin will check to see if there is still availability.

Councilmember Mackie asked Ms. Bernache if the EAC can find more information on the proposed boundary changes of several schools and how the changes would affect the City. Committee members will ask parents if they can provide more information as well as any concerns on the proposed boundary changes.

Next Steps for Achievement Recognition Strategies

The signs are ready for pick up and are currently at the new City Hall. Ms. Barber will have the signs moved to the Youth and Family Services building for easier access.

Ms. Powers drafted a letter that will be provided to the school principals. The Committee will review the drafted letter and provide their input on how the signs will be distributed.

EAC Education Grants

The Committee reviewed the following grant application:

Cherokee Lane Elementary - \$2,750 for After School Kindergarten Virtual Enrichment Program

Mr. Toledo motioned to approve Cherokee Lane's grant application. Second by Ms. Greene-Colby. All members in favor; no opposed. Motion carries, 7-0-0.

High Point High School, Parkdale High School and Hollywood Elementary have not submitted grant applications.

New Business

Spring Book Distribution

The Committee will plan a book distribution in April or May to provide summer reading for students. Ms. Bernache suggested to see what City events are being held in April or May in which a book distribution can be held. Mr. Toledo suggested the Brunch with a Bunny event that is held for Easter and is hosted by the Recreation Board as an option. Ms. Barber has a meeting with the new City Event Planner and can inform the Committee of any upcoming events.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on February 28, 2022.

Adjournment

Ms. Bernache adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.