

**CITY OF GREENBELT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Tuesday, February 25, 2014. Meeting was held in Council Room and was presided over by Chair, Susan Breon. The meeting started at 7:08pm

PRESENT:

Sudhanshu Sinha, Susan Breon, Janet Mirsky, Leta Mach, Don Rich, Jon Gardner, Rosalind Ceasar, Alla Lake

ABSENT:

Veronica Martin-Fredrick, Dave Whiteman, Elsie Waynes

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of January 28th, 2014 were approved without amendment.

FEEDBACK ON GRANTS REPORT TO COUNCIL

Susan informed members that the report was well received by Council, and all proposals suggested by ACE for funding were approved. She believes Council's satisfaction with the distribution of funds this year was due to the inclusion, in the report, of information about the clubs and a table showing distribution of grants. She said she made Council aware that feedback from the Principals' meeting indicated that grants allowed the schools to undertake special activities while clubs assured a steady program for the year.

Council had questions about GMS and TPA not submitting proposals so she provided the explanations discussed at the last meeting. She said she also indicated that ACE would like to increase the budget for grants.

Leta confirmed that Council was pleased with the report.

BOOKS FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES:

Members revisited this issue but concluded that since the schools did not view it as a need, there was no reason for ACE to pursue the issue further. Rosalind will inform Mike McLaughlin.

EDUCATOR AWARD PREPARATIONS:

Rosalind informed members that the date for the awards had been changed to 3/24; GMS did not submit a nominee this year; she submitted the names she received to the elected officials and had already received the certificates from state delegates.

Members agreed to arrive at 7pm to set up refreshments.

Liaisons are to do the write-ups for their schools and submit them to Susan by 3/9. Rosalind will send last year's report as a sample and will find out when the full script should be submitted to Cindy Murray.

UPDATES

Rosalind informed members that she had contacted the Reading Club coordinator at MES but had not heard back and so a contract has still not been signed. Don responded that he talked to the teacher that day on a visit and she had assured him that she will forward the paperwork.

He also informed members that he was working on a publicity article about the clubs and ACE's involvement in the schools. He visited MES & SHLES reading clubs this month and was planning to visit the science club next month. He hopes to have a draft ready by next month so members can review it and make comments. Members thought it could be submitted to the GNR, other local papers and blogs and posted on ACE's website.

No one had any information about the science club at GMS so Susan offered to follow up with Dave.

NEXT MEETING

The meeting ended at 7:45pm. The next regular meeting will be on March 25th. The Educators' Awards is on March 24th.