

**CITY OF GREENBELT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Approved: June 25, 2019

Tuesday, April 23, 2019. Meeting was held in the Community Center and presided over by Chair, Melinda Brady. Meeting started at 7:15pm.

PRESENT

ACE: Janet Mirsky, Melinda Brady, Kate McElhenny, Jon Gardner, Gordon Gainer, and Veronica Martin-Alston

ABSENT:

ACE: Don Rich, Liz Park, Leta Mach, Elsie Waynes, Sudhanshu Sinha

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of March meeting, with corrections, were approved by acclaim.

FEEDBACK ON EDUCATOR AWARDS

Jon Gardner commented that despite having requested additional chairs and to be first on the City Council agenda, neither request was granted. Elected officials as well as many in the audience were left standing. There was no reserved seating for elected officials. It was agreed that ACE should create a checklist for the major events of the year. Melinda Brady shared that she received positive feedback. Janet Mirsky did as well. Kate praised the wonderful city photographer, Bev Palau. Perhaps Liz could send each of the schools a group shot of the awardees, so that the schools could also recognize the teachers in newsletters, on display, etc. Due to the agenda and lack of seating, we will discuss with Leta Mach moving the awards night to a different night.

REVIEW LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Liaison assignments have been tabled for a later meeting.

EDUCATION FORUM WITH DR. THORNTON

The Education Forum will be this Sunday, April 28th from 2-4pm in the Community Center. It was conveyed to Melinda that Dr. Thornton will speak for approximately 30 minutes. The audience will then break into small groups to discuss issues within the school district and possible solutions, with a roundup at the end.

PLANNING FOR STUDENT AWARDS

Student Awards will take place on May 8th at 7pm, reception starting at 6:30pm. Gordon Gainer has agreed to bring drinks, all other members will bring snacks/baked goods. All ACE members should edit the student nominee write ups, and send to Melinda by May 3rd, for her to compile. As Janet will not be co-hosting, she recommended checking in with the student awardees beforehand to confirm correct pronunciation and to remind them that they will have a chance to speak a few minutes.

2019 Budget

Janet will get the current numbers, and present the budget at the next meeting.

ALL OTHER BUSINESS**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be May 28th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.