

**CITY OF GREENBELT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

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Approved: October 22, 2019

Tuesday, September 24, 2019. Meeting was held in the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building and presided over by Chair, Melinda Brady. Meeting started at 7:00pm.

**PRESENT**

*ACE:* Janet Mirsky, Melinda Brady, Jon Gardner, Gordon Gainer, Don Rich, Sudhanshu Sinha, and Elsie Waynes.

**ABSENT:**

*ACE:* Veronica Martin-Alston, Kate McElhenny, Liz Park.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Minutes of August meeting reviewed and approved.

**Feedback on Labor Day Parade**

Labor Day Parade had great weather. ACE had car ride in parade. This helped a lot. Arsalan, 5 other students, and two teachers also marched/rode with ACE. Jon took pictures, but they didn't make it into the Greenbelt News Review. It was wonderful.

**Planning for PTA Presidents Meeting**

Dora Kennedy French Immersion PTA president replied. The Roosevelt H.S. PTSA president is very positive. SHLES doesn't have a PTA. The ACE school liaisons will contact their different school PTAs. We didn't bring snacks to this meeting last year. We should bring bottled water. It will be 6:30 – 8 p.m., October 22, 2019.

**Grants Program Update**

We haven't heard anything from the DKFI Robotics sponsor teacher. When the grant website is ready, Jon will send its information to the different schools. Most of them are late with their reports. Jon sent a reminder last spring to the schools, but received only a handful of responses.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Gordon explained a speech about regulation errors he gave to the Prince George's County Board of Education meeting. The cell phone regulation is much too weak. He contacted interested board members.

Janet said that a private Montessori pre-school and elementary school wants to start at the Mishkan Torah Synagogue, but they are having trouble preparing for a permit. For this school to receive grants, it must be accredited.

Jon said we should set a minimum number of Greenbelt students to attend a school before ACE gives grants and awards to it.

Melinda pointed out that new county schools will redistribute students and alleviate overcrowding at SHLES. SHLES construction will start soon. How much construction depends on how much Kirwan money comes from the state.

Melinda said Lawyer Gregory T. Simmons gave a speech at the PGCPs Board of Education meeting about maglev trains proposed to go under our schools, so the board should investigate its effects on the schools. Melinda said some parents brought up that one proposed maglev route is under Roosevelt High School. Melinda will send a note to the Greenbelt council members about this concern.

### **Next Meeting**

On October 22, 2019, 6:30 – 8 p.m., we will have the PTA Presidents Meeting followed by the ACE Monthly Meeting 8 – 9 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.