

**CITY OF GREENBELT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

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Approved: October 27, 2020

Tuesday, September 22 2020. The meeting was held via Zoom, and presided over by Chair, Melinda Brady. The meeting started at 7:04pm.

**PRESENT**

*ACE:* Kate McElhenny, Melinda Brady, Janet Mirsky, Don Rich, Gordon Gainer, Sudhansu Sinha, Veronica Martin-Alston, Leta Mach, and Elsie Waynes.

**ABSENT:**

*ACE:* Absent: Jon Gardner

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the June meeting were approved with edits

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**Council worksession with Joshua Thomas (9/9)**

Leta reported Mr. Thomas was open to Council's ideas regarding greenbelt schools.

ACE Members can review the video of the meeting on City Website.

Don inquired if SHL renovation was discussed. It was not discussed specifically.

**Student Awards status**

Gordon put together school write ups and returned to Melinda.

Melinda will work on video and send it out to ACE to review before sending to City media. Liz will get copy to Elsie for her to review.

**Planning for PTA Presidents' meeting**

Liz will send invite to PTAs. Meeting will begin at 7pm. Liaisons will check in with the PTA at their assigned school.

**Updates Clubs and Grants**

Melinda reminded members to complete Google form Jon sent out as a test for the grant program. Principals can send an email confirmation of grant approval. Jon is requesting assistance with grants this year. Melinda asked Jon to make a list of all the duties associated with the grants. Melinda suggested that they may want to break up the duties among the members, such as liaisons would monitor the proposals from their school. Committee will need to come up with a plan to make this program sustainable after Jon steps down.

Melinda brought up issue of Club programs, should ACE move to a new program? Kate suggested waiting a year to see if new clubs might occur in 2021-22 school year. Don suggested they check with each school if they would like financial help to support current clubs. Gordon reported that teachers currently get paid to do clubs by the school. Melinda suggested ACE could consider modifying the structure if new ideas emerge.

### **ALL OTHER BUSINESS**

Don asked if any attended the Back to School Night at their school, Don attended GES; Kate attended. Don reported that only 20 attendees at his meeting. Melinda said each grade was also doing a specific separate meeting so parents may have attended these rather than the general one.

Kate was able to meet new Principal for DKFI.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next gathering will be October 27th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.