

**CITY OF GREENBELT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Tuesday, December 8, 2020. The meeting was held via Zoom, and presided over by Chair, Melinda Brady. The meeting started at 7:10 pm.

PRESENT

ACE: Jon Gardner Kate McElhenny, Melinda Brady, Janet Mirsky, Don Rich, Gordon Gainer, Sudhanshu Sinha, Veronica Martin-Alston, Leta Mach, and Jackson Tuthill (YAC liaison).

ABSENT:

ACE: Absent: Elsie Waynes

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of the October meeting were approved with edits.

Introduction of Jackson Tuthill, Youth Advisory Committee Liaison

Planning for Principals' Meeting: January 26

Will meet at 7pm with the Principals. Liaisons will reach out to principals, Liz will send out invite.

Math Club at GES

GES would like to run a Math Club for kids who are lagging in their math skills. Target 12 – 15 kids. They have a club coordinator identified. It is proposed that they would run 4 clubs a month for second half of the year. Jon brought up concern that GES already receives the majority of the grant dollars and that this would be the only school with a club. Melinda brought up concern that ACE had worked to get schools to offer clubs and did not want to discourage any school. Liz brought up idea of reaching out to SHLE and MES with the model GES is proposing.

Jackson volunteered to reach out to ERHS regarding clubs. Melinda will send Jackson some info on past clubs. Majority (7 -1) of members voted to move forward with club, Jon expressed concern again about this creating an imbalance in how schools are supported.

Grants Review

Jon had sent out spreadsheet to committee. Jon summarized scores and expressed opinion that committee should consider under spending of dollars due to quality of grants submitted. The grants had incomplete filings, these will be considered not part of the review due to lacking documents. Discussed ERHS Esports proposal that included gift cards, committee discussed approving proposal but deny request for gift cards. Jon brought up issue, should ACE hold money until schools reopen? Discussed this decision may differ based on whether program is designed to be virtual or in person. Discussed proposal from GES for food resources and that although it does not fit within the grant guidelines, perhaps it could be tagged for Council to consider allowing this expenditure for this year. Discussed proposing that Council consider similar amount be offered to the other schools for food resources. Discussed strengths and any concerns of all proposals. Committee divided up write ups of proposals and agreed to have them back to Jon in 2 weeks.

ALL OTHER BUSINESS

Leta Mach worked with Beverly Palau to record ACE student award video.

NEXT MEETING

The next gathering will be January 26.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.