

**CITY OF GREENBELT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

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Tuesday, September 30, 2016. Meeting was held in the Council Room and presided over by Vice-Chair, Jon Gardner. Meeting started at 7:07pm.

*Present:* Jon Gardner, Sudhanshu Sinha, Don Rich, Kate McElhenny, Janet Mirsky, Elsie Waynes, Rosalind Ceasar.

*Absent:* Melinda Brady, Susan Breon, Veronica Martin-Alston, Leta Mach, Ema Smith

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Minutes of August 30 meeting were accepted without amendments.

**FEEDBACK**

**Labor Day Parade** Janet reported that she was in the parade with Kate, Susan and Melinda. One teacher and six female students also marched.

**Capitol Improvement Program Public Hearing** – Kate reported that she attended the meeting with Melinda. She said the meeting mainly addressed parent concerns about the possible closure of an elementary school in New Carrollton and so there were no discussions about Greenbelt Schools.

**Executive Search** Janet reported that she and about five other advisory committee members attended the meeting. She said the recruiter seemed informed of the issues the next city manager would have to deal with and the desired personality of the manager e.g. South Station children not being assigned to Greenbelt schools, tolerance for diversity etc.

**College Park EAC** –Rosalind read an update email from Melinda. It said she was still having difficulty coordinating a joint meeting and so she wanted to personally attend one of Berwyn Heights' meetings. She suggested that another member attend the College Park meeting to which ACE has been invited. Don expressed a willingness to attend.

**PREPARATION FOR PTA PRESIDENTS' MEETING** – Rosalind reported that she now has the full list of PTA executives and so she will be sending out invitations this week. Members thought an item to add to the agenda was actively soliciting the help of the presidents with ensuring that schools meet deadlines.

**GRANTS WORKSHOP**

Jon said it was scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup> at GES; it will be taught by Mayor Jordan and the application forms are up on the website. He asked liaisons to communicate the information to their schools.

## **UPDATES**

Rosalind reported that the MES facilitators have indicated that they are unable to run the club this year however, they are looking for other teachers to replace them. Don will follow-up with the school.

## **AOB**

BOE Meeting on Headstart – Leta had forwarded an email about the meeting to members but no one was able to attend.

Jon informed members that effective this school year, PGCPS has declared that it will no longer pay for AP testing. He said ERHS PTSA is exploring fundraising ideas to help the school continue paying for students. Sushanshu suggested that ACE could allocate some of its funds to support the school. It was decided that ACE will ask Council to consider providing additional funds to support the school.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The meeting ended at 7:45pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>.