

CITY OF GREENBELT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

PRESENT: ACE Members: Jon Gardner, Janet Mirsky, Don Rich, Sudanshu Sinha, Dave Whiteman, City Councilmember Leta Mach and Staff Liaison Wendy Wexler.

Minutes of June 28, 2011 were accepted as is.

ACE SCHEDULE FOR 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR.

ACE members worked on the calendar for the coming year. There was some conflict over a few dates. The annual PTA Presidents Meeting will be changed to a Thursday for this year (10/27). The other concern is to not again create a conflict with the school MSA Tests and the ACE Educator Awards. Jon will check with the schools for the timing of the tests and then ACE will work with the City Council's calendar to set up a date for that event. All other dates for the year were decided.

ACE SCIENCE CLUB UPDATE.

Jon suggests that ACE really needs an ACE member to be the temporary point person for all these changes being made to the Science Club logistics for this year. He was hoping that given all the work she has already put into it, that Alla would agree to that position. As she was not present at the meeting Janet agreed that if Alla is unable to take that on, she would be the back up. In the meantime, after much discussion, it is determined that perhaps the best route would be to use the City facility of Schrom Hills for the Greenbelt East location of the Science Club. Dave agrees to follow up on whether or not that space can be arranged, whether or not they have a black board or white board and could a key be given to Jacob for the year for access?

For the September events of Jacob going into Magnolia ES and Greenbelt ES, Don will try to arrange it for the 3rd Wednesday (9/21) and Jon will try to arrange it for 9/22.

For marketing, ACE would like to send home a flyer in the backpacks of the MES and GES students (to encourage the Greenbelt East participation more). Flyers would have to be approved by the principals in advance and then copies for the 3rd through 6th graders should be delivered to the school by the Thursday prior to the week of the Science Club. It is believed that Alla may have a flyer from last year that could be updated.

LABOR DAY PARADE PREP.

Alla has completed the application for participation on line. We are now awaiting information regarding the location for ACE in the parade so that we can tell everyone where to gather. Jon suggests this information will become available on the Labor Day Parade website.

So far, we have 5 students and one educator from the ACE Awards committed to

walking with the ACE contingent. ACE members Susan, Janet, Dave (and his daughter) are also going to march. Sudhanshu will join in part way. ACE needs to find out if the other ACE members not present at the meeting will also be marching.

GMS TASK FORCE UPDATE.

Janet reports that Task Force Committee feels the News Review is covering this issue quite well. Many things are still undecided. Leta says they are still waiting for a response to the letter that Council sent to the County and has been told it is on its way. Some things yet to be decided include the exact usage of the space and whether some of the users might actually be revenue producing. Currently the County has put aside \$6 million for renovation but the cost of maintenance has yet to be determined.

GRANTS WRITING WORKSHOP.

This second annual event will take place on Thursday 9/29 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in Room 114 of the Greenbelt Community Center. Once again, it will be led by Emmett Jordan. Although Jon plans to post it on the list serve, he would also like all the ACE School Liaisons to notify their school's principal and PTA president about this opportunity. It will help facilitate their ACE grant applications. Jon also hopes that ACE members will plan to attend this year and be there to meet with the school representatives.

GRANT APPLICATION FORMS.

Jon has electronic copies of the application forms. He will update them and share via email with ACE members for review. We discuss creating a template to be included for the Grant Outcome Reports. Those forms should include signatures of the grantees and their school principal, a place for the date of the form.

MUSIC FESTIVAL.

Dave reports that he has been in contact with Darelynn Fung. She says there will be multiple cluster concerts this coming school year and that the music staff from the local schools has already been meeting together to organize that. Most of those concerts will take place at ERHS. The Spring concert will be the one hosted by ACE and will again take place at GMS. ACE will support the process as needed.

MATH COMPETITION.

As Susan was not present tonight, we will wait to hear an update on this next month.

ACE CALENDAR – Please let Wendy know if you are **NOT** able to attend.

Unless noted all meetings will now take place in the Second Floor City Council Room, City Municipal Building.

9/5.....Labor Day Parade

9/27...Regular Monthly Mtg; 7:00 PM

9/29...Grants Wkshp; Community Center; 7:00 PM

10/27..Annual PTA Pres. Mtg (6:30-8); Monthly Mtg (8-9 PM)
