CITY OF GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

<u>PRESENT:</u> ACE Members: Susan Breon, Veronica Martin Frederick, Jon Gardner, Alla Lake, Janet Mirsky, Don Rich, Sudhanshu Sinha, City Councilmember Leta Mach and Staff Liaison Wendy Wexler.

Minutes of September 27, 2011 were accepted as is.

ACE SCIENCE AND READING CLUBS – HOSTS SIGN UP.

In order to offer support to Jacob in the Science Club meetings, ACE members volunteer to be present to handle paper work and other matters. Wendy circulates a sign up list and then offers to email it to members so they can double check with their personal calendars. Members will let Wendy know which dates to list them.

PREP FOR ANNUAL PRINCIPALS Meeting – 1/24.

ACE will replicate last year's format. Wendy will send out invites to all the Principals soon. She will also send the list to all ACE members reminding them of the time frame and the sign up for foods for the event. This year we will have one new principal at GES – Monica Gaines.

ACE GRANTS REVIEW.

In preparation for the discussion ACE first revisits the Grant budget. Susan, as Treasurer, has begun to work with Wendy on setting up the process. But it is confirmed that ACE has \$7000 available for grants.

ACE then has a discussion about eligibility issues. A grant was received from a nursery school which does not fall under our charter as a Greenbelt Core School. To include the nursery school would go against the Charter and then mandate including all the other nursery and preschools in the area. There would not be enough funds to cover all those schools. Jon will inform the school that we are not able to consider their application.

MES did not submit any grant applications this year because they have not submitted their final outcome reports.

Still awaiting a final outcome report from ERHS, we have been promised it from the principal (as the teacher involved no longer works at the school). Wendy offers to meet with the principal to follow up when she is at the school the next day.

After much discussion and review, ACE develops a list of grant applications they recommend, in descending order. Wendy will send out the Report written last year. ACE members will use it as a template to develop their individual reports on each grant. Each

ACE member will be responsible for a narrative on three applications, which they will send to Jon within a week. Jon will edit the final report and then it will be sent to the City Council for approval and funding.

GMS PROPOSED CHANGES MEETING.

On Wednesday, 12/30, there will be a meeting at GMS to discuss PGCPS proposed changes to the school. The first proposal is that GMS become a school for grades 6 through 8. The second proposal is that GMS would be come a TAG Magnet School. Veronica will attend this meeting and then report on it to ACE members via email.

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.

December.....no meeting

1/24/12.....Annual Principals Mtg (6-8 PM) ACE Mtg (8-9 PM)

2/13.....ACE Educator Awards

2/28.....Regular Monthly Meeting

3/27.....Regular Monthly Meeting