

CITY OF GREENBELT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

PRESENT: ACE Members: Laretta Baugh, Theresa Bugg, Jon Gardner, Alla Lake, Kathy Lewis, Veronica Martin-Frederick, Sudhanshu Sinha, Dave Whiteman and Staff Liaison Wendy Wexler. City Councilmember Leta Mach was also present for part of the meeting.

Minutes of Meeting of October 27, 2009 approved as is.
Meeting commenced at 8:00 PM.

UPDATE ON READING AND SCIENCE CLUBS.

Wendy shares that Violet reports the Reading Club – which took place last Thursday – had several new students and even some additional ERHS assistants. She was very pleased with the turnout, given the fact that it was terrible weather that evening. Jacob's next Science Club meeting will take place this Thursday and Sudhanshu is scheduled to attend as the ACE "host". Wendy distributed the sign up sheet for future ACE participation and will follow it up with an email in order to get the ACE members sign up choices.

ACE GRANTS PROGRAM.

ACE members voice concern that we did not receive any grants from a couple of our schools and could have received even more applications from the schools who did submit an application. It is important that schools understand they can have more than one program funded. Jon and All created a list of criteria measurements and a form to be used for the judging of the applications. Careful deliberation and debate went into the discussion of each of the applications. ACE was impressed with the variety of ideas. ACE will now present detailed funding recommendations to City Council and look forward to an quick distribution of the funds.

ACE will get to work on informing school and PTA's about the next round of program applications in Spring 2010 and hope we receive even wider participation.

PLANNING FOR ANNUAL PRINCIPALS MEETING – JANUARY 26.

We discuss the upcoming annual meeting and what role each ACE member can play in its preparation. Wendy has the list of participation from last year and will email it to all members to see if they wish to continue or change what they have offered in the past. Since we will not be meeting in December, all this must be done via email.

SCHOOL BOUNDARY ISSUE.

As requested prior to the meeting, many members of ACE had already gone to the School

Board website and reviewed the plans that School Board was proposing for boundary changes. Wendy also reported on a conversation she had with School Board Representative Rosalind Johnson about the same issue. Everyone was in agreement that at this time the School Board was not proposing any boundary changes for Greenbelt area elementary or middle schools. Mike McLaughlin had asked if any ACE member would be available to attend one of the two upcoming School Board hearings on the issue. No ACE member is available to do that but they do support the City sending a letter reinforcing the City's continued interest in this area and support of maintaining current boundary lines.

Rep. Johnson indicated that the next boundary revisions will be made in February and will be focused on county high schools. She suggests that ERHS will likely have adjustments suggested to its boundary lines. ACE plans to watch for these proposals very carefully.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS:

Marie Gueye reports that she is resigning from ACE, as she will be moving out of the Greenbelt area. She offers to assist the next ACE member to take over her duties as the ERHS Liaison by developing a kind of "punch out list" of issues and people at the school that she has been working with. Marie will be sorely missed and everyone on ACE wishes her well.

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

1/26/10...Annual Principals Mtg. (ACE members arrive at 5:30)
