

**CITY OF GREENBELT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Approved: August 28, 2018

Tuesday, July 3, 2018. Meeting was held in the Multipurpose Room of the Greenbelt Police Station and presided over by Chair, Melinda Brady. Meeting started at 7:12pm.

PRESENT

ACE: Jon Gardner, Janet Mirsky, Melinda Brady, Kate McElhenny, Elsie Waynes.

ABSENT:

ACE: Leta Mach, Veronica Martin-Alston, Sudhanshu Sinha, Don Rich, Liz Park

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes will not be approved from meetings that did not have quorum.

ATTENDANCE ISSUES

Melinda reviewed the ACE attendance requirement of attending at least 75% of meetings. Attendance has been a problem of late, and City Council will be requested to remove members that are chronically absent. Jon Gardner mentioned that the City Clerk usually reaches out to chronically absent members before they are petitioned by Council. Melinda will report back after the Committee Chair meeting on any progress by Council on filling the empty spot. Starting in August, attendance at meetings will be taken and any member who misses three meetings may be asked to leave the committee.

STUDENT AWARDS

Everyone agreed that the Student Awards went very well. Melinda noted there were student activity conflicts, but a much better room arrangement, allowing for more seats. Janet stated that a date earlier in May would be better. Also, students should be asked to write a 'self' nomination, so that students could provide their address, similar to an eligibility form. This would also reduce name misspellings. This form could be included in the Nomination Packet.

BUDGET

The ACE budget is set to increase this coming year. Elsie reported that TPA is interested in starting at least one new club in the coming year. Janet will allow in the budget four grants that could be awarded for professional development, up to \$500 each, as well as raising the scholarship amount to graduating seniors from 2000 to 2500. Jon motioned to accept the budget, Kate seconded. All agreed to approve the budget.

ELECTIONS AND LIAISONS

All members present voted to accept the slate as it stands.

Liaisons will remain the same for the coming year.

2018/19 CALENDAR

Melinda suggested moving the grant proposal deadline to November 5th, as the end of the quarter is the 2nd. They will aim for May 8th for the Student Award Ceremony.

LABOR DAY PARADE

Jon agreed to submit the Labor Day Parade Application.

UPDATES – CLUBS, GRANTS

There remains an outstanding Springhill Lake grant. Some extensions were granted, but the report due date is soon.

ALL OTHER BUSINESS

Jon reminded the group that ACE usually hosts a debate between Board of Education candidates. A room must be reserved in City Council chambers, request filming by GATE, and prepare a list of questions, and accept questions from the audience. It should take place in October, a few weeks before the election.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.