

CITY OF GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

PRESENT: ACE Members: Laretta Baugh, Theresa Bugg, Jon Gardner, Alla Lake, Veronica Martin-Frederick, Don Rich, Sudhanshu Sinha, Dave Whiteman and Staff Liaison Wendy Wexler. City Councilmember Leta Mach was also present.

Minutes of Meeting of January 26, 2010 approved as is.
Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM.

ACE EDUCATOR AWARDS PREP – 3/8.

Since Jon will be out of town the night of the awards ceremony, Alla and Dave will share the MC-ing responsibilities. Jon has a copy of last year's script and will update it and send it on to Alla, who will also put her touches on it. She and Dave will then figure out who will handle what! Wendy also distributed scripts from last year for each school along with the narrative for this year. ACE members are to write the "script" for their assigned school and get that script to Wendy – electronically...as soon as possible (definitely by 3/1) so that she can collate the whole script in readiness for the presentations – as well as a copy for the PRESS, to facilitate their reports.

The "reception" begins at 7:30, so we need ACE members to arrive at 6:30 to help with the set up. Here are the offerings from the members for the reception:

Sudhanshu – ginger ale

Dave – brownie bites

Alla – cookies

Veronica – Pretzels

Theresa – cookies

Laretta – chips

>>>>We REALLY need someone to pick up the "frozen punch center" – or there will be no punch.

Wendy will take responsibility for more ginger ale, name tags, sign in sheets, a table cloth, punch bowl & ladle, cups and napkins

We will also be offering the award winners a tee shirt (a couple of ACE members will have to help with that distribution) and marble apples.

ACE GRANTS PROGRAM.

Grant proposals have started to arrive. The deadline is 3/15/10 at 5 PM. We are anticipating that we will receive many more before then. ACE members will be given the grant applications after the deadline.

Everyone is very enthused about the impact these grants are having and Jon even tells a story about the SHL ES Dance Program has been so successful that there will be a fund raiser concert on 4/10 to further help support these efforts.

One question that comes up is when should we be expecting the school Follow Up reports? This needs to be checked.

This led to a discussion about the future of these programs; how do we insure funding for next year; where does this fit into the City's Budget process? Wendy will check with Liz about this.

Next the discussion went to ACE Scholarship Program and the best way to sustain it and hopefully, eventually, even increase it. We are grateful for the support from County Councilmember Ingrid Turner.

ARTFUL AFTERNOON MUSIC FESTIVAL – 5/2.

Dave continues his efforts in organizing this event. He needs to tell Nicole DeWald no later than 3/15 which schools will be participating. The program is not to last more than an hour and a half. There is some confusion about whether some of the school requesting time will actually be performing together. Magnolia says they are sending a band and a choir. (Dave will confirm the details with Silke Pope.) Greenbelt Middle and Greenbelt Elementary and Springhill Lake will all participate again and will likely perform together. Theresa will contact Turning Point to see if they will participate, as Laretta will contact St. Hugh's for information. Everyone needs to get their info to Dave as quickly as possible.

SCIENCE/READING CLUB SIGN UPS.

ACE members discuss how the Clubs are going and how popular they are becoming. We gather new signups (please note that June 10 and July 8 are still uncovered).

ACE Member Coverage for Club Meetings:

Science: Feb 25 - Veronica Martin-Frederick

Reading: Mar 11 - Dave Whiteman

Science: Mar 25 - Don Rich

Reading: Apr 8 - Theresa Bugg

Science: Apr 22 - Alla Lake

Reading: May 13 - Don Rich

Science: May 27 - Alla Lake

Reading: June 10 -

Science: June 24 - Alla Lake

Reading: July 8 -

Science: July 22 - June 22

Alla is taking care of the regular notifications about the clubs in the News Review. Kathy

was handling the notices for the email lists – both with the purpose of keeping the dates clear to participants and to increase participation. Alla says she can arrange to send out timed emails to this email list and Jon offers to organize the list and email to Alla.

ERHS BOUNDARIES ISSUE.

On Wednesday, 2/24, is the only Public Hearing that is close to our area of the County – there is no meeting actually scheduled for our District. No ACE member is available to attend, so Leta says she will email City Council members to see if any of them are free. We talk about the confusion between who actually lives in the City boundaries and those that do not but still use the 20770 zip code.

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION REPORT TO COUNCIL.

There is some discussion about the draft report Jon has written. He will now circulate it electronically, members will look it over, make any comments, VOTE and send it back to Jon. Jon will then make any necessary changes and send it to Wendy who will format it as best she can and submit to Council.

MAGNOLIA SCHOOL DAMAGE.

MES has had significant damage to the school because of burst pipes. The PGCPSS was really quick with repairing and replacing and painting things as necessary. But they will not cover the cost of any personal items or items purchased by staff for their classrooms. It has been suggested that MES could submit an ACE grant application to replace some items.

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.

3/8.....ACE Educator Awards; Reception 7:30 PM; Awards 8 PM

3/23.....Regular Monthly Meeting: 7 PM

4/27.....Regular Monthly Meeting: 7 PM

5/10.....ACE Student Awards; Reception 7:30 PM; Awards 8 PM

5/25.....Regular Monthly Meeting: 7 PM
