

CITY OF GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

PRESENT: ACE Members: Laretta Baugh, Theresa Bugg, Jon Gardner, 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 February 23, 2010 approved as is.
Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM.

SCHOOL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS.

Since Kathy Lewis has moved to Florida there is currently a need for a new ACE Liaison for Magnolia ES. Don volunteers to take over that position. Once St. Hugh's School closes this summer Laretta will join Veronica as a second Liaison to ERHS. Both of these changes were unanimously approved by ACE members.

Once we are given a ninth member we will again look at the assignments.

ACE SCHOOL MUSIC FESTIVAL PLANNING.

This is the second year of this program and the number of interested participants has more than doubled. Therefore we have a very full schedule. Dave definitely needs some help with the planning. We need to be able to get the completed and detailed list of performers organized no later than 4/8 in order to be able to get the program printed. Darelynn Fung is doing a nice job of working with the combined groups. We especially need to get the ERHS groups organized as they have so many interested groups. Veronica will again communicate with them. It is suggested that they perform one song each and make firm commitments for participation. For all groups we need to know which pieces they will perform, how many people in their group and what equipment is involved. The performance has been allocated one and a half hours.

BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR.

ACE has been asked to cut \$2000 from next year's budget. Jon went over the budget and made suggested changes. Following discussion this new budget was approved by all the ACE members. Wendy will submit this information on behalf of ACE.

ACE GRANTS PROPOSALS.

This semester ACE received 19 Grant Proposals, as opposed to 7 from last semester. A protracted discussion and review took place of all the grant applications. Some of the discussions included the size of the population targeted, whether this was an on-going or new program, the clarity of the budget presented. Based on the review and the numerical scores that each proposal earned nine proposals were recommended for funding with

several additional applications recommended for funding should additional funds be able to be identified. This recommendation will be sent to the City Council as soon as it is written up.

It was also discussed that we have so far received one report from a previously funded grant proposal, as required by the funding guidelines, upon completion of the project. Jon will develop a form reminder letter for projects where we have not received their report.

ACE EDUCATOR AWARDS REVIEW.

Everyone felt that the evening went very well. The one glitch, the lack of participation by Springhill Lake ES was addressed. Wendy contacted the principal who said it was an oversight on their part. It was decided that their selected ACE Educator will be invited to attend and participate at the beginning of the ACE Student Awards Event.

ACE STUDENT AWARDS PREP.

As the discussion on the Grant Applications went so long it was decided that we will hold this organization until the next ACE meeting. In the meantime, ACE members can think about what parts they would like to take on as the prep is similar to the one for the ACE Educator Awards.

Wendy has just sent out the Nomination Forms and Information Letter to all the schools and the invitation letter to all the elected officials.

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.

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

6/22.....Regular Monthly Meeting: 7 PM
