

City of Hyattsville Education Advisory Committee
November 28th, 2022
6:30 PM – 8 :00 PM
Virtual Meeting: (LINK??)

Roll Call: Attending committee members?

Mai Abdul Rahman
Nicholas Misukanis
Melinda Baldwin

Quorum?
Achieved

Approval: November 28th, 2022 Agenda?

Motion to approve: MAR
Unanimous support

Approval: October 26th, 2022 meetings minutes?

Motion to approve: MAR
Unanimous support

Recognizing: Attending Council Liaisons?

Councilman Daniel Peabody
Councilwoman Emily Strab
Officer Chris Evans
Jackie Lizama
Reggie Bagley

Agenda

1. Introductions: City of Hyattsville Police Department
2. Discussion: HPD

- i. Review of HPD's various school programs

Officer Chris Evans: Discussion of the DARE program, early morning supervising programs and programs with St. Jerome's. The next program coming up is Shop with a Cop in December to travel with the police for a day at Target and then do a pizza party. Another event that we would like to create is a book fair. We would envision an event in the parking lot at something like Northwestern where there would a large place for families to get together and congregate. We would also like to collaborate with the EAC should the opportunity arise.

- ii. HPD's preparedness and response protocols to an active attack near or in school (public and private)?

Officer Chris Evans: One of the things we do is have officers do a walkthrough of the various schools so they have background knowledge surrounding the buildings.

MAR: Are there steps being taken to avoid having state authorities play a role and keeping things more localized. Given problems that seem to be happening because of miscommunications across the state/local authorities in the face of an active shooter situation.

MB: Do you see fear being more prevalent in the community?

Officer Chris Evans: Absolutely, unfortunately with social media we see a lot more posts that cause concern and people being unsure about whether someone's threat online is serious or not.

Reggie Bagley: We are in the process of strengthening the relationship we have with all the schools in Hyattsville. We are currently coming up with a plan for all the schools and what we can do to further partner with the schools to help them realize some of their security goals. The principles have been very cooperative in helping to facilitate all of these goals. Furthermore, we are also working with private schools. There is also not much of a difference between the plans between private and public schools. There has also been discussion of having the HPD come in to run a drill in the school so that it is not their first time going into the building. We also are organizing narcan training in order to administer the antidote for overdoses. We do not offer the kit to people under 18 but we encourage everyone to attend the training.

MAR: Can we target teachers to take part in this education in hopes of helping at local schools?

Officer Chris Evans: We could do that if need be but we need to better understand what the schools need.

Reggie Bagley: We also need to know what we can do within the schools and what is allowed to be taught or encouraged.

Councilman Peabody: This is always tricky because the city council is supportive of these trainings. But this isn't something that would require council action. We have other community groups that could get involved in the schools.

Councilwoman Emily Strab: If we could partner with one of the local coffee shops or starbucks we could try to organize an event in which we host teachers there.

Reggie Bagley: The other thing we want to try and do is destigmatize the use of narcan and provide more information about when to use it and the next steps afterwards.

- iii. Overdose incidents among underage Hyattsville residents-in school and out of school?
- iv. Would HPD consider Narcan training for high school students and teachers?
- v. School guard shortages? Hyattsville Elementary School and Edward M. Felegy Elementary?

3. Update on number of Grant application sent and received?

Jackie Lizama: We are currently accumulating everything and will provide updates in the next few weeks.

4. Update on scheduling meeting with Hyattsville School principals (Elementary and Secondary)? Homeless Liaison?

Jackie Lizama: We are going to want to move the meeting to February due to our December meeting.

5. Update on the city's consideration of EAC proposal to use ARPA's new designated 'general funds' to attend to the special needs of Hyattsville Title I middle school students/parents?

MAR: I reached out to Ron and am waiting to hear back and will report it to the committee when I hear more.

6. Report on the November 3rd Hyattsville schools' luncheon

7. Scheduling Chair of Facilities Committee (Dan Broder) on HES swing space? January meeting?

Jackie Lizama: I think that it should be fine as long we provide enough time in advance.

MAR: Let's schedule him for the January meeting.

8. Outcome of outreach to Hyattsville's Tired Parents? Their purpose and mission?

MAR: I contacted Hyattsville's Tired Parents and would like to invite them to take part in our February meeting. Please note that we will have 2 meetings in January.

9. Outcome of EAC's February 2022 Conflict Resolution proposal?

10. Reminder: Committee December meeting will be held on January 5th

11. Public comment?

MAR: No further actions needed. We will call it here and remember that we have 2 meetings in January. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Unanimous.

