

City of Hyattsville Education Advisory Committee

June 27, 2022

6:30 PM – 8 :00 PM

Virtual Meeting: (Link??)

Roll Call: Attending committee members?

Nicholas Misukanis
Cynthia Totten
Maira Delao
Mai Abdul Rahman
Michelle Thornton

Quorum?
Achieved

Approval of June 2022 Agenda?
Approval of May 2022 meetings minutes?

Unanimous approval

Other attendees:
Daejanae Day
Dahiena Edwards
Jackline Lizama

Introductions

Discussion Items:

1. Youth Action Board
 - a. Homeless youth and unaccompanied homeless youth
 - b. Impact of HMS closure on homeless students?
 - c. Possible impact of Hyattsville ES school renovation on homeless students

Daejanae Day: Introduction about Youth Action Board and background on what they advise.

CT: Is there a way we could get data?

DD: We can get more and follow up with you.

MAR: Could you explain a little bit about the process. Do you accept someone and try to put them in a shelter that is closest to their school?

DD: We can but usually try to get a bus route if we cannot put them closer.

MAR: Do we know the liaisons? Can we get in touch with them?

DD: With COVID that has changed things up and interrupted the normal way we connect with liaisons and we are hoping to catch up with students over this summer.

MAR: What advice would you give us as a committee to help people?

DD: Connect with the youth and connect them with the Youth Action Board. There are also backpack drives that we need. Connecting with Community resources like Churches so that we can provide supplies is huge.

MAR: Would you happen to know the number of homeless people in Hyattsville?

DD: I will get back to you but remember that the reported number is different and lower than the actual number.

Dahiana Edwards:

2. Hyattsville ES renovation and proposed school boundary change- council letter to P.G. County School board outcome?
3. 2021- 2022 School Year Enrichment Grant?
4. Overview of Hyattsville's Education Summer Enrichment programs?

Jackie Lizama: We have started up our summer programming and are prepared to have about 40 students/day. We had 32 today. We are organizing programs that teach life skills and in our current program "Staycation" we are just starting up this week.

5. Outreach to Hyattsville School principals (Elementary and Secondary)?
Homeless Liaison?

Jackie Lizama: Unfortunately, with the closure of schools for the year, we will need to wait until July or August to schedule this meeting. They are currently busy wrapping up the school year.

6. Donations dedicated to support homeless students back to school

MAR: The representatives from Ward 5 would like to donate some of their discretionary funds and donate them to the homeless efforts or the Youth Action Boards in particular. We will want to circle back on this.

7. City wide back to school event plans?

MAR: Are we wanting to target this for August?

JL: We will want to check back with Sandra and see what details we would want to do.

MAR: Last year, we had about 200 backpacks. We also had organized sweets and other stuff that was given out while we had a table where we tried to recruit people and create awareness of our community. Furthermore, we tried to talk about ourselves, what we do, and to make the public aware that we exist and aim to serve them. We will want to begin planning this since school is just around the corner.

8. Public comments?

MAR: I would like to devote the last bit of time to discuss educational safety and school violence. I would like to ask the Police Department to come talk with us and ask them on what their procedures are.

CT: I also think we should get involved with the Parental Group “TRED Parents” and get them to talk with us. They are organized around gun safety and normalizing conversations.

JL: Because the police are close to us in the building, I would be happy to connect with them.

MAR: Additionally, Councilmen Peabody had sent a letter regarding boundary ward school changes and asked about whether PG county will respond or not. We would like to know how they respond, if at all.

MT: Motion to end the meeting

Unanimous Approval