

ANC6A Community Outreach Committee (COC)
May 19, 2014 Minutes
Maury Elementary School (ES), 1250 Constitution Avenue NE

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Committee members present: Elizabeth Nelson (Chair), Jean Kohanek, Louis Barbash, Maurice Cook, Roni Hollmon, Pat Joseph, Gladys Mack (quorum)
Committee members absent: Rose Williams, Shirley Worthy
Community members present: Arthur Yarbrough, Miner Elementary School (ES) Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

- I. Agenda
Adopted.

- II. Mr. Arthur Yarbrough presented the grant application from Miner ES PTO for \$300.00 for athletic equipment to enhance recess activities and physical education instruction at the school. There are about 415 students enrolled. He said that the school community believes that intellectual stimulation is important but that physical stimulation is also important - that children cannot live healthful lives without getting sufficient exercise. He referenced the First Lady's "Let's Move" program as an inspiration. The school has insufficient equipment to provide the types of instructional and recess experiences the students need.
 1. Committee member Jean Kohanek asked if they would be increasing the variety of equipment or simply adding more of items they already have. Mr. Yarbrough said that the PTO would use the funds to purchase different types of equipment than what they currently have. Committee member Pat Joseph asked what sorts of equipment the school already had. Mr. Yarbrough said they had a lot of different kinds of balls but they didn't have tug-of-war-ropes, jump-ropes and other things that could be used to play the games that he enjoyed as a kid. More variety would encourage children to get more exercise.
 2. Committee member Roni Hollmon asked if Physical Education (PE)/Health was offered year round. It is, as required by the Healthy School Act. PE is one of the "specials" and has a dedicated faculty member. Committee member Louis Barbash asked if a trained person would present instruction in how to use the new equipment. Ms. Carlotta Brown, a graduate of Howard University, is the full-time PE teacher. She has training in athletic instruction, both practical and theoretical. She put together the list of items to be purchased and will be responsible for seeing that they are put to appropriate use. The equipment would be stored at the school, secured in the PTO locker to which Ms. Brown has a key. The list states that items are examples of what might be purchased and includes approximate prices as the exact prices and availability of particular items will not be known until the purchase is made.
 3. Committee member Maurice Cook asked what types of sports teams are operating at the school. Currently, there is only a basketball team that plays other schools. They would like to add soccer but that would require additional resources.
 4. Committee member Gladys Mack asked if the equipment would be duplicated by District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS). Chairperson Elizabeth Nelson said it would not be because this is outside the scope of what DCPS will provide. Ms. Nelson referenced a similar grant to the Maury PTA a few years back; equipment was purchased to enhance the recess experience at that school.
 5. Mr. Barbash moved (seconded by Ms. Kohanek) that:
The COC recommends that ANC 6A approve \$300.00 in support of the Miner PTO request for athletic equipment. The measure passed 6-1-0

- III. Ms. Nelson gave an update on the Twitter account for ANC 6A, @ANC6A. It is outgoing only and used for meeting announcements, links to agendas and meeting cancellations (if necessary). Thus far, none of the followers have tried to use it for incoming messages. The workload has been manageable. So, the current policy and set up are adequate and no additional work needs to be done on this issue.
- IV. Confirmation of next meeting date.
The next meeting will be held Monday, June 16, 2014 at 7:00 pm at Maury ES, 1250 Constitution Ave NE (enter from 200 block of Thirteenth (13th) Street). The committee does not plan to meet in July.
- V. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.