

Minutes
**ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Regular Meeting - November 28, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Quorum present.

COC members present: Roni Hollmon (Chair), Marc Friend, Sarah Bell, Stefany Thangavelu, Adina Wadsworth, Jessica Clark (training)

COC members absent: Jason Gresh, Gladys Mack, Kelsey Grimes

Commissioners present: Amber Gove, Brian Alcorn, Phil Toomajian

Panelists present: Helen Chauvenet, Principal, Maury Elementary School; Steve Miller, Principal, Eastern Senior High School; Elizabeth Corinth, LSAT Chair, School within School@Goding (SWS) Elementary School

Community members present: 4

A round of introductions were made.

Eastern Senior High School - Principal Steve Miller gave an update on Eastern Senior High School. Some highlights were the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, where Eastern has the distinction of being the only District of Columbia Public School (DCPS) or Charter school in DC to have the full IB Program. In addition there is the NAF Academy of Health and Sciences. Students have the option of training to take the test for Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) Certification and being able to pursue that career immediately upon graduating. Sports for students seeking additional academic challenges.

The Blue and White Marching Machine was highlighted. For those of us who live in the neighborhood, it is always a treat when they march by during practice.

There are quite a few extracurricular programs and sports teams making for well-rounded students.

Committee Member Stefany Thangavelu inquired about how Eastern faces challenges from students coming from smaller schools entering a larger school.

Principal Miller explained that 9th graders remain together for all their classes, strengthening their community and making the atmosphere not as stressful.

There was also a question regarding teacher retention. Principal Miller answered that some teachers went to Wilson with Principal Brown and some teachers came from Wilson to Eastern with Principal Miller. He is working on recruiting and expects things to improve over time.

School within School@Goding (SWS) Elementary School - LSAT Chair Elizabeth Corinth gave an overview of what has been happening at SWS. She apologized that Principal Burst could not make the meeting but committed to taking back to him any questions she could not answer (there were none).

She explained that the modernization was done, but there are some ongoing issues between the school and the contractor. Student population remains stable and students are excited to be out of their trailers.

The school community is looking forward to having parents and the greater community back in the school for events, something that has been missed because of the pandemic and construction. The school is bubbling with excitement and looking forward to making new memories.

They are also excited to have joined the Girls on The Run program and had a very successful year.

Maury Elementary School - Principal Helen Chauvenet, despite her best efforts could not get the Zoom App to share her screen. Undeterred, she talked about Maury's social emotional learning, the change to Spanish as the world language (after a vote from students, parents and faculty), the increased participation in Girls on The Run and the continuing forging of bonds between schools in the feeder pattern.

Representatives of Miner and Ludlow Taylor Elementary Schools and Eliot Hine Junior High School were absent.

Chair Hollmon asked if any parents were available on the call.

Commissioner Gove gave an overview of activities at Eliot-Hine Middle School. The community pantry has been a great success and was able to help with 40 baskets for Thanksgiving. The collaboration between Eliot-Hine and Eastern musicians is also on track.

Committee Member Sarah Bell shared about Miner's Mutual Aid program which gives away coats, school supplies, food, etc. once a month. Principal Dance is the new principal. The Community Garden is going strong as well.

Commissioner Toomajian gave an outstanding presentation for a constituent of his. Chair Hollmon agreed not to be overly detailed in the minutes since the award is a surprise).

Recommendation - Commissioner Toomajian made a motion that ANC 6A honor Edna Jane "EJ" Truax with the ANC 6A Good Neighbor Award at the December 2022 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Gove. Motion passed 9-0-0.

The meeting adjourned 7:55 pm.