

Minutes
ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) of Advisory Neighborhood Commission
(ANC) 6A
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Regular Meeting - Nov. 27, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

COC members present: Adina Wadsworth (Chair), Gail Sullivan, Elizabeth Corinth, Angelique Dorazio Sanders, Clare Dougherty, Paul Spires

COC members absent: Stephanie Myers

ANC 6A Commissioners present: Amber Gove, Roberta Shapiro

Education Panel introduced:

Principal Steve Miller, Eastern High School
Principal Eric Fraser, Stuart-Hobson Middle School
Lena Heid, Connected Schools Facilitator, Eliot-Hine Middle School

Principal Miller on Eastern Senior High School:

- School on the rise
- Enrollment is up from 3 years ago (728, 835,870...projected to get to 900 students next year)
- IB—Only public high school with an IB Middle Years program (IB considered more rigorous than AP)
- EPIC—offers an honors program for 9th and 10th grade. In its third year.
- Dual enrollment programs with on-campus options (Wharton (Penn), Arizona State) offering college credit. Will likely double offerings next year
- IT Academy: 4-year set of courses so graduates can leave with 2-3 industry certifications
- NAF Health Sciences Academy offers EMT certification while still in high school
- Athletics, Esports, Band, Lady Gems—all award-winning at Eastern
- Capacity at Eastern is 1,200 students.

Questions from COC:

- Can high schoolers from other schools come to Eastern for Esports? Not clear if DCPS considers it a “sport” or “activity.” If “sport,” then yes.
- What is the typical class size? Depends on course, but usually in the teens or early twenties. PE is a larger class (30)
- How can the community support Eastern? Come to the school! See what Eastern is all about and the administration will plug you in.

Principal Fraser on Stuart-Hobson Middle School:

- Physically located in ANC6C, but borders three different ANCs
- Emphasizes a safe, predictable school day for students
- Pep assemblies once/month
- Modernized, state-of-the-art facilities.

- Offers musical theater, visual arts, Band, basketball, football
- Enrollment is at 456 students (averages 440-470)
- Sixty percent from Ward 6; the rest from Wards 7 and 8; committed to holding a percentage of seats for students outside of the neighborhood
- High school acceptances: 23 Eastern; 11 School without Walls, 15 McKinley, 10 Duke Ellington, 7 Banneker
- Help prepare students for interviews and applications
- Seven period school day: 4 core classes, 2 electives everyday
- 40 students taking Algebra in eighth grade

Questions from COC:

- Can feeder elementary schools (JO Wilson) partner with Stuart-Hobson? Would the Jazz Ensemble band come to JO Wilson? Yes, reach out to the school. Biggest issue is transporting band equipment.

Lena Heid on Eliot Hine Middle School:

- EH has been drawn into Ward 7
- Culture driven by ERIC—Excellence, Responsibility, Integrity, Community
- Modernized facilities
- Middle Years IB school
- Offer accelerated math
- Enrollment is up. Five years ago, at 260 students. Today at 385 students and expected to continue growing
- Seventh graders are taking Algebra along with eighth graders
- Offering classes in Language & Literature; French and Spanish (must take both for at least one year for exposure); Visual Arts; Video Production
- Block scheduling of classes
- Social workers dedicated to mental health
- Summer bridge program for new sixth graders
- Grade 6 enrollment has exploded

December 2023 COC meeting: Will be canceled due to the conflict with holidays and other ANC 6A meetings.

New COC Chair: Chair Wadsworth's term ends in December. Will need to select new chair and induct new members to the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.