

Germantown Education Commission
Regular Meeting – September 17, 2019
Minutes

Attendees

Natalie Williams, Lesley Parker, Betsy Landers, Kyle Eaton, David Mars, Camille Vetro, Mary Anne Gibson, Barbara Boyer, Steve Chandler, Manjit Kaur, Stacey Ewell

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Natalie Williams. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve August 20, 2019 Education Commission meeting minutes by Betsy Landers, second by Steve Chandler.

Alderman Liaison Report

Alderman Gibson shared that she has obtained contact information for each of the PTA/PTO chairpersons and will share that information with the commission chairman in order to help improve communication with the schools. She also shared information about upcoming Parks and Big Read events.

Chairman Report

Chairman Williams provided members with copies of the completed sign-up sheets from the August meeting. Members were asked to sign up to participate in the awards presentations for students and teachers.

New Business

American Education Week – Natalie Williams suggested that the commission approach Frost Bake Shop about donating mini cupcakes to switch it up some from the normal cookie delivery. Approximately 50 dozen would be needed. Natalie will send details to Stacey who will draft a donation letter on City letterhead.

Battle of the Brains – Initial decisions include the event date and whether or not it is feasible to add a middle school competition this year. Steve Chandler will check on dates for both events.

Big Read Author Event – Invitations were distributed.

Education Celebration – The event is scheduled for April 28. Betsy Landers will check to see if the GMSD administration offices are available for the event. Possible speakers were discussed including Jeremy Parke, Rabbi Greenstein and Amy Weirich.

Fundraising – Steve Chandler presented a preliminary budget plan. There is a need to look for new donors and to focus on locally owned businesses. Opportunities discussed include School of Rock and Dan Roberts at Mathnasium.

Awards – Riverdale's John Frizzell was voted Teacher of the Month for October. No student nominations were received. Mr Frizzell will receive his award during the October 28 BMA meeting.

The commission voted to move the October meeting from October 15 to October 22 in order to avoid conflicts with spring break travel.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.