

EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: November 19, 2025, 4:30-6:30pm

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Mike Berman, Sarah Clark, Lisa Farhi, Xian Lu, Ed Reed, Cecil Rucker, Nicole Stone, Shauntae Spaugh, Wendy Whitaker, Council Member David Myles

Not present: Tanya Aguilar, Jacqueline Renfrow

Topics:

1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Reviewed Meeting Agenda
2. Wellness (Chelsea, Xian, Tanya, Sarah)
 - a. Chelsea interviewed an educator/counselor at Richard Montgomery HS for the newsletter, learned about teacher of the month award and how it ties into the wellbeing of the students and recognition/appreciation
 - b. Suggestion to consider a platform like Instagram to highlight programs at schools in the Rockville area
 - c. Open to suggestions of next interviewees- parents or educators to highlight wellness programs in schools in Rockville
 - d. CJ requested that interview notes or summary be saved on the Commission SharePoint
3. Schools and Community Outreach (Lisa, Ed, Shauntae, Wendy)
 - a. Principal Roundtable Discussion
 - b. Working on the date, location, and format
 - i. Possible locations: Frost, City Hall, Civic Center/Fitzgerald Theater, Montgomery College
 - ii. Date: March- Aim for Save the Date communication early- Suggestion March 11 or 18- allows 2-3 months for planning; CJ verified Mayor and Council space is available Mar 11th
 - iii. Next step- check 11th and 18th locations; Council Member Myles will circulate these dates
 - c. Discussion of Invitation List and Format
 - i. Planning for small groups with Council members in each group, suggestion to have self-selection into topics/groups; survey topics before the meeting
 - ii. Last year we invited Principal, Vice Principal and Community Liaison- recommend keeping invitees to 1-3 from each school
4. Community and Business Partnerships (Jackie, Nicole, Mike)
 - a. Working on collecting businesses interested in helping- have sent out 60+ emails.
 - b. Also need to continue making the schools aware of the resources available and need to check on whether the needs are current and contacts are current. We plan to do twice annual outreach efforts to the contacts listed.
 - c. Suggestion to include PTAs in receiving the newsletter/drawing attention to the partnerships.
5. Open Discussion
 - a. Continued discussion of Principals Roundtable (see notes above)
6. Meeting Action Items:
 - a. All subcommittees please put documents in the Education Commission SharePoint- <https://cityofrockville.sharepoint.com/sites/educationcommission/SitePages/EventPlanHome.aspx>
 - b. Commission members please hold March 11th and March 18th for Principal Roundtable
 - c. CJ/Council Member Myles will look into availability of Mayor and Council members for these dates.

- d. Please send agenda items for the next meeting to Ed/Lisa
- 7. Adjourned Open Meeting
- 8. Sub-Committee Breakouts (Closed Working Sessions)