

**Education Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**Date January 4, 2017**

Attendees: Cobby Witherington, Bob Riggs, Jim Kellen, Hank Burch, Brad Summersell, Robert Brown, Hank Burch

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
Meeting called to order at 4:35 pm Fairhope Library	NONE	NONE
Motion to approve Elizabeth Hammock to for open EAC position to City Council	Approved	Robert Brown will take her application to City Council. Also asked that EAC openings be discussed at next meeting as we have two more spots for interested candidates.
Extension of Penny Tax by BCC	EAC and principals grateful for this bold move to support education. Operations money only. Does not cover Capital expenses. Need to ensure we have bondable money for future capital projects in Fairhope. 3 mill special tax would be possible source. Schools are at capacity and more housing (families) on the way. Reconfiguration of schools might help. Demographics also changing with lower socioeconomic status, more poverty, and children with higher needs. This taxes an already stressed system. Karen Wilson is pro-education and looking for more money beyond 3 mills.	
City Council Funding 2017	\$345,000 has been approved by City Council. Given that other funds may be available, it was requested that both short and long term goals be considered (DREAM BIG). 15 year plan was discussed.	Principals will meet and collaborate to determine best way to use the funding and present back to EAC by 1/16/17. EAC will present to the City Council by 1/23/17. Each principal is requested to return a front page (similar in format across principals) to the EAC.
Principal Involvement	Julie Pierce suggested that each principal give 3 minute update at each meeting and that we consider meeting at schools vs library.	

Visitors: Karen Bartl, Carol Broughton, Angie Hall, Jon Cardwell, Julie Pierce, Patrice Krueger, Gary Gover, James Watkins