

Southwest Advisory Council

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Meeting Minutes - January 2002 - Landsdowne High School

Topic: School Resource Officers

In Attendance:

Dawn Baker
Jane Davis
Samuel Macer
Lisa Orens (Vice Chair)
Joseph Pallozzi (Chair)
Sabria Smith
Alana Wase
Tracey Weinkam

Absent:

Carl Klein
Deray McKesson
Anita Newkirk
Marquita Saunders

Meeting Opened by Joseph Pallozzi at 7:07pm.

Meeting Attendance: 12

Open Session: School Resource Officers (SRO)

- Presenter: Officer Darcey (Western School of Technology).
- Pilot program consists of nine officers in high schools - within two years expect every high school in Baltimore County to have a SRO.
- Some school principals and SRO's don't have a good working relationship as yet due to the fact the program has only been in existence for two years. Two large organizations are working together (police dept. and Balto. Co. school system) and understanding will come with time.
- The police uniform sends a message.
- SRO's become a mentor for borderline students. Community issues can be resolved. Job is not for everyone - definitely not a 9-5 position.
- Elementary school focus: conflict resolution and Stranger Danger.
- Middle schools: six schools may have a SRO next year.
- High school focus: a triangle of law enforcement/counseling/education. SRO responsibilities include:
 - o Student classes on drinking and driving, alcohol consumption, date rape drugs and ecstasy.
 - o Overseeing dances, truancy program, sporting events and students who must provide community service via odd job restitution around the school.
 - o SRO's can act as a recruiter for the police department.
 - Ride-along Program begins at age 14
 - Explorer Program begins at age 14
 - Cadet Program begins at age 18
 - Officer at age 21

Closed Session:

Discussed specifics for next meeting regarding special education - who to contact, description of functions and resources, how to initiate into the system.

Dawn Baker voiced displeasure at the fact that county school employees do not return phone calls. She is trying to obtain the status of the windows/blinds for Westowne Elementary. Dr. Milbourne volunteered to look into.

Lisa Orens and Joe Pallozzi attended meeting with Dr. Hairston regarding budget - budget is bare bones.

There has been an agenda change for the April SW Advisory meeting. Topics are now the Debate Team and an introduction of local elected officials.

Dances are becoming a problem. Woodlawn High School as ended them completely.

Suggestive dancing known as freak and popping are the issue.

Next Meeting:

February 20, 2002, Baltimore Highland Elementary: Topic: Special Education. Tour 7:00pm/Meeting 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Dawn Baker, Secretary

cc: All Meeting Attendees

Mr. Kennedy

Dr. Milbourne

Ms. Zepp