

**Southeast Area Citizens Educational Advisory Council**

- I. Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2004
  - A. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Sandra Skordalos at 7:30 PM
  - B. Attendance – See attachment for attendance roster and personnel information
  - C. Speaker – Frank Pomment (Essex, Middle River White Marsh Chamber of Commerce)
    - 1. Provided a historical background on the Chamber
    - 2. Chamber Educational Committee has fostered the following activities
      - a. Principals breakfast
      - b. Working relationship with Realtor Association to provide information on schools for prospective new residents
      - c. School libraries and technology enhancements
    - 3. Other activities
      - a. Development of scholarships
      - b. Worked with coalitions concerning overcrowding issues
      - c. Work with schools and students to promote entrepreneurial skills and goals
    - 4. Question and Answers Session
      - a. Several questions were brought up concerning the effect of planned revitalization in the Southeast and its impact not only on education but the entire infrastructure of the area.
      - b. There was agreement to the need for revitalization in the Southeast to make it more attractive to businesses and prospective home owners.
  - D. Business Meeting
    - 1. Minutes – None to report
    - 2. Correspondence – Equity and Assurance News brief
    - 3. Old Business – Boyd Crouse will follow up on community members that were recommended for membership to the Advisory Council
    - 4. New Business
      - a. The Stakeholder retreat held in late summer was attended by Council officers. It addressed the following issues:
        - 1) Transition Center
        - 2) School Board Appointment Process
        - 3) Summer reading controversy
        - 4) Capital budget
      - b. Ms. Skordalos participated in the New Teacher Orientation sessions.
      - c. Announcements
        - 1) – Joint meeting of the Area Advisory Councils will be held September 28 at Cockeysville Middle School beginning at 7:00 PM. There will be an opportunity to interface with members of the Board of Education

- d. Board of Education has passed the Advisory Council operating procedures
- 5. Southeast Area Issues and Concerns
  - a. Mr. Crouse stated that he has received numerous inquiries about the existence or development of a policy addressing school closings for extremely hot weather. Jean Satterfield will follow up on this issue.
  - b. General discussion on overcrowding at Patapsco High School
- 6. Executive Director of Schools' Report - The opening of schools for the new year went very well throughout the Southeast area.
- 7. Adjournment – Chairperson Skordalos adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM

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