

SE Area Educational Advisory Council

I. Meeting Minutes – 2/15/05

A. Attendees

1. Bob Berkshire
2. Buddy Staigerwald
3. Steve Crum
4. Sandy Skordalos
5. Boyd Crouse
6. Alex Crouse
7. Bonnie Saul
8. Eileen Roberta
9. Dr. Jean Satterfield

B. Public Meeting

1. Speaker – Rowland Savage (Coordinator of School Counseling Services): Presentation and discussion of the Parallel Enrollment Program
2. Stakeholders – Fred Theiss and other members of the Sparrows Point High School (SPHS) PTA voiced their concerns regarding the aged and overcrowded facilities at SPHS. There was also discussion concerning the lack of staff & student parking at the school. Dr. Satterfield committed to gather data that the council can review regarding school capacity in general and Sparrows Point specifically. A response was promised to Mr. Theiss.

C. Business Meeting

1. **January Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve by Bob Berkshire – Motion second by Bonnie Saul
2. **Correspondence**
 - a) Sandy Skordalos distributed copies of materials that she received during a recent Joint Advisory Council Chairpersons Meeting.
 - b) Office of Equity and Assurance Newsletter
3. **Old Business** – None
4. **New Business**
 - a) **Joint Advisory Council Chairpersons Meeting** – This meeting was attended by Sandy Skordalos. There were discussions concerning stakeholder activism and the recent capital budget meeting. It was also announced that the May 4 Joint Council Meeting will focus on the following topics: impact of the legislative session and parental support.
 - b) **There was discussion of the following legislative issues:**
 - (1) *Appointment of Baltimore County Public School (BCPS) Board Members*
 - (2) *Dedicated funding source for the Thornton Initiative*
 - c) **School Liaisons** – It was suggested to set-up liaisons between council members and southeast area schools. It was decided that further discussion on this topic will take place during the March 15 meeting.
5. **Southeast Area Issues and Concerns**
 - a) **School Calendar Issues** – Boyd Crouse expressed his trepidation regarding the addition of more holidays into the school calendar. His focus was on instructional continuity and an ever-increasing school year. His conclusion was

that additional time out of the classroom has a negative impact on both. There was discussion regarding some of the alternatives currently being considered.

b) **Substitute Teacher Policy** – There was discussion regarding the change in how substitute teachers are mobilized throughout BCPS. Several members expressed their concern about the lack of qualified people to fill this need.

6. Announcements – Next meeting March 15 at Sussex Elementary School. Mary Harvey is the scheduled presenter.

7. Executive Director Report – Dr. Satterfield reported on the outcomes of recent school visits. She also provided insight to the progress being made in program development, teacher development, and security upgrades.

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM