

Minutes
SW Education Advisory Meeting
Hosted at Baltimore Highlands Elementary School
March 16, 2005

Council Attendees: Linda Blackwell, Sharon Loving, Dr. Richard Milbourne, Sam Macer, Lisa Orens, Ashley Palaigos, Deb Phelps

Others in attendance: Baltimore Highlands teachers [Nicole Barth, Tara Berg, Cheryl Bevan, Sommer Chasing, Jennifer Farley, Cindi Hart, Dr. Irgens (Psychologist), Mandy Johnson, Brian Kincaid, Catheline Morgan, Kate Stefancik, Anne Stockbridge, Kelly Wagner, Donna Woods, Lindsay Young], Jill Bordenick (Halethorpe), Kris Bury (Baltimore Highlands PTA), Deepa Garg (Baltimore Highlands parent), Brenda Harney, Rosemarie Kincannon (Baltimore Highlands Principal), Joe Pallozzi, Russell Pratt (Halethorpe), Barbara Shields (Baltimore Highlands AP), Manva Simon (Lansdowne).

Individualized, student-led tours. Begun at arrival, completed by 7:35 pm.

Opened by Rosmarie Kincannon at 7:35 pm. Introductions made included Dr. Milbourne, Deb Phelps, and Lisa Orens. Lisa thanked students for individualized guided tours and the numerous teachers present as well as Baltimore Highlands PTA members. She explained that Dr. Hairston had a scheduling conflict and that this Advisory Council hopes to reschedule him for another time.

Kindergarten Curriculum Presentation begun at 7:38 pm.

Kathleen McMahon reviewed [PowerPoint presentation](#) of BCPS early reading program. She expressed gratitude to the Superintendent for his support of the program and remarked that he has expressed his appreciation of the BCPS teachers who have embraced the program to ensure its success. Questions included the response that, yes, volunteers are incorporated into the program with the example of how parents at Hillcrest Elementary have been trained to provide support to this program. Presentation concluded at 8:00 pm.

Business meeting called to order at 8:11 pm by Lisa Orens.

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1. Old business:

- ⌚ Advisory Council website is up and running; please visit it to check it out. www.bcps.org/community/educational/edu_advisory_council/default.asp
- ⌚ Lisa reported that Sarah Chavis, student member, has resigned, leaving current membership at 9 with a need for student members from Lansdowne and Woodlawn.
- ⌚ With membership now at 9, Anita Newkirk (via report from Lisa) Brian Bailey, Elizabeth Lee, Sam, and Lisa are in support of Senate Bill 195. Sharon has indicated she would support majority opinion of other members. Therefore, this Council has voted to take a position in support of SB195. Lisa advised members present that all councils must come to an agreement as a whole before the position of the Advisory Councils would be determined; thus individuals could express an opinion regarding the bill, but not an opinion on behalf of the council. Dr. Milbourne suggested that minutes from the BOE meeting discussion regarding whether or not the Board take a position be obtained so members could be familiar with the BOE position, if any, on SB195. Sam reported that PTA Council voted officially to support SB195.
- ⌚ Lisa reminded members that nominations for next year's officers need to be determined. Sharon is not interested in chair position due to other commitments; Sam is not interested in officer position due to concern of conflict. Sharon questioned status of membership for Jody Wallace and Lisa reported that she has not yet heard anything. Dr. Milbourne questioned whether Judi Komins has checked

geographically to indicate from where vacancies should be filled. Lisa believes Judi has but believes there is not a specific geographic need; she would like to see member from Hillcrest or Westchester ES.

2. New Business:

- ⌚ Lisa provided copies of a “Baltimore County Community-School Partnership Network Directory”.
- ⌚ Joe requested that Calendar Committee comment of agenda be moved to top of new business. He and Sharon are both serving, Sharon for SWEAC and Joe as parent at large. The committee has been tasked with collecting community feedback for the next meeting to be held April 19. Joe provided copies of the draft 2006-07 calendar with the explanation that this contains solely elements common to the 2004-05 and 2005-06 calendars and is truly a draft. Sam summarized that comments should be collected and directed to Sharon and Joe for inclusion in their reports to the committee. Sharon suggested that PTA Council members serving on the Calendar Committee could also be notified.
- ⌚ Lisa reported that May 18 is currently reserved with Dr. Hairston. After some discussion, it was agreed that this would be valuable. Sam requested the meeting be held at Woodlawn Middle School. Dr. Milbourne indicated it would likely be a system wide discussion and suggested the HS Summit as a topic.
- ⌚ Discussion of possible topics for both the April 20 meeting and future meeting was discussed.
 - ③ Sam requested that the topic of violence in the schools be reserved for next year.
 - ③ Sharon suggested a topic that would highlight the positive attributes for which a school might be recognized, e.g., character recognition program. Dr. Milbourne remarked that Edmondson Heights is undergoing a school-wide reform initiative called “Outward Bounds” and that it would be a good topic for the April meeting to be held at that school.
 - ③ Sharon also suggested the topic of a construction funding update, or a construction project update for Windsor Mill Middle School. Dr. Milbourne indicated council members would be solicited for involvement with boundary decisions as Windsor Mill MS construction nears completion.
 - ③ Sam suggested a State of the Area address by Dr. Milbourne. Dr. Milbourne indicated the Dr. Hairston covered this information at the December meeting but that he would present such a discussion in September.

Business meeting adjourned approximately 9:19 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for April 20 at Edmondson Heights at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Loving
Secretary, SW Education Advisory Council