

**Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council 2009-10 Planning Meeting**

October 28, 2009

Joppa View Elementary School

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance:**

Stephanie Marks, Lorrie Erdman, Aaron Moore, Aruna Anbazhagan, Verletta White, Melissa Lembo Whisted, Rodger Janssen, Lori Rivieri, Officer Tony Barr, Officer Gregory Suber

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting; approved.

**Report by Stephanie Marks, NAEAC President**

Thanks to Verletta White and Melissa Witstead from the Northeast Area Superintendent's office and to Scott Palmer, Principal of Joppa View E.S. for hosting. Also to Off. James Barr and Off. Greg Suber, School Resource Officers for the presentation they have prepared for tonight and to all the area delegates in attendance. Agenda for tonight will contain two topics of importance to the BCPS community. Politician updates and SRO presentation on gang awareness. Anyone in attendance, please submit a resume if you are interested in joining the Advisory Council.

**Politician introductions and updates**

**Joe Bartenfelder; Chairman of the Baltimore County Council**

- Chesapeake High School has one of the first virtual learning centers in Baltimore County. Impressive; students will benefit; comes at a high cost (2.5 million); can it be done in other Baltimore Co. schools given the current economy and budget?
- BCPS is one of the top education systems in the County.
- 35% do not go on to college, however, questions if they are ready to go into the workplace?
- Trade school would better prepare students for the workplace.
- Crossroads Center doing a tremendous job.

**Pat McDonough; Maryland State Delegate**

- Primary education concern is a much needed high school in the northeast area. Doesn't understand why we don't have it, but believes it is needed and he will continue to pursue it.
- Gang problems are serious in Harford Co. beyond Edgewood. Harford Co. united from the County Executive to the Sheriff to the local law enforcement

level. With a determined group of leaders, fighting gangs is still an issue. Leadership is needed to protect the citizens of this county and Perry Hall. All elected officials are working hard to fight gang problem. Leadership is needed that will inspire, recruit and be involved in fighting the gang issue in Baltimore Co.

**Kathy Klausmeir; Maryland State Senator**

- Has been working very hard with the school system regarding financial literacy. Will send out a report from the MSDE asking schools for comments. MSDE must hear from all of us. The time has come to teach youth financial literacy. Now working with private and public universities to see what they are doing regarding financial literacy. Towson University considering a Major in Financial Literacy.
- Concerned along with Dr. Hairston about the availability of school facilities use. Schools are buildings that belong to the community. If a school has to rent a hall instead of using a BCPS facility, something is wrong.

**Joseph Boteler; Maryland State Delegate**

- Senate will join in sponsoring a bill in Annapolis that all legislators have financial training.
- Virtual schools introduced late in session and did not get much attention. Committee was made aware of the importance of developing more virtual schools. State must become involved and funding made available from the State, however, the State budget, next year has a \$3 million hole that must be fixed. The voices of educators must be heard or the deepening of recession and lack of revenues may cause a problem for education.

**Andy Harris; Maryland State Senator**

- Disappointed that there is still a high school overcrowding issue in the northeast area. State is broke going forward for five year; operating budget won't be touched; capital will be a problem.
- Gangs are the largest safety problem in schools and to make schools safe, laws must be tightened.

**Todd Schuler; Maryland State Delegate**

- The Judiciary committee working on gang issues for some time. The State's attorney's office working on a compromise bill that would include jail time.

- State college tuition has not gone up. It is important to point out that politicians don't make schools great; teachers do. Teachers must be treated like professionals that they are.

**Bill Paulshock**

- Important to note that County Executive Jim Smith has done a good job in getting parks in the Perry Hall area. Gang issue is not serious in this community, however gangs recruit the most vulnerable children, as young as age 13. A gymnasium in this area would be another aspect to keep kids busy. The Baltimore County Recreation Council is willing to put up money to assist.

**Steve Virch**

- Department of Recreation and Parks President. The Dept. of Rec and Park plays a key role and has an interest on the community desire to interact with government. Let him know if there is anything rec and parks can do to help.

**Gang presentation by SRO's Tony Barr and Gregory Suber**

Recent Principals' Safe School Conference on prevention and intervention. How can other schools learn and come up with a plan to fight gangs? What can the Board of Education do? At all levels, take time to learn what they are teaching. Programs are available through BCPD to go into the schools to address students.

**Schedule of Meetings for 2009-10**

S/E Area Ed. Adv. Council network presentation re: Community needs assessment

**February 17, 2010**                      Stemmers Run Middle School                      7:00 p.m. Meeting  
SRO's speak on bullying/gangs; SRO from Parkville High School?

Capital Budget Meeting

**April 21, 2010**                      Overlea High School                      7:00 p.m.  
Meeting

2010-11 Planning Meeting

**June 2, 2010**                      Harford Hills Elementary School                      7:00 p.m. Meeting  
Date to be changed; Verletta White unavailable

Adjourned 9:03: p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lorrie Erdman