

**Northeast Area Education Advisory Council Meeting**

April 21, 2010

Overlea High School

Called to order at 6:59 p.m.

**Attendance:**

Stephanie Marks, Lorrie Erdman, Aaron Moore, Melissa Lembo Whisted, Rodger Janssen, Peggy Spaight, Penny Parker, Dareise Jones, Joseph Pallozzi, Juan Stepter, Marcia Wolf, Lori Riveri, Chris Angin, Christine Koth, Terri Kingeter, Susan Hahn, Joanne Hullihen, Rani Merryman, George Sarris, Gale Sauer, Jada Leing

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting; approved.

**Report by Stephanie Marks, NAEAC President**

Thanks to Penny Parker (Principal, Overlea High School), Peggy Spaight and Juan Stepter (Assistant Principals) for hosting our meeting tonight. Last meeting held at Joppa View E.S. in October, 2009. Meeting in February cancelled due to snow storms. Regarding Capital Budget, there really isn't any money. Dr. Joe Hairston requested a budget \$40 million over last years budget. Jim Smith, County Executive, said he'd try and met most requirements, such as salaries to the County Council. Things will get worse because of the economy before it gets better. We can manage, wait it out and move in the right direction.

Kristy Seling, PTA President at Orem Elementary School addressed committee about parking situation at the school. Presently have 359 students, 31 regular parking spaces, 2 handicapped spaces, 5 spaces in bus loop. They have 40 staff members and other P.A.'s, I.A.'s on a regular basis and don't have enough parking on the premises. Very little street parking as well. Concerned about safety of children and visitors. A lot of double parking and illegal parking occurs throughout the day. Lack of parking interferes with parents and visitors, especially during events. If they can't find a place to park, they leave.

**Community Needs Assessment**

For Baltimore County's Southeast Area

*Prepared for the Baltimore County Southeast Area Network*

*Funded by Franklin Square Hospital Center*

**Presenters and Contact Information:**

- Gale Sauer, R.N., M.S.N., Education Specialist, Franklin Square Hospital; Community Health Education
- Terri Kingeter, Eastern Sector Coordinator, Baltimore Co. Office of Community Conservation
- Susan Hahn, BCPS Parent Services Rep., Dept. of Professional Development

For purposes of this report, the southeast area incorporates the northeast area and southeast area as BCPS knows it.

- ✓ The Southeast Area Network meets monthly and started about 15 years ago to address the development of Tall Trees, which has now been cleaned up and turned into a lovely park.
- ✓ During monthly meetings, discuss gaps in services, coordinate services, work with appropriate agencies to help develop programs to meet needs of the community.
- ✓ Next goal as a group, networking to resolve issues; some logistic. A need to address the growing Latino population in southeast Baltimore County.
- ✓ Group has done a community assessment to get to know the communities; at the same time, Franklin Square did a health assessment, and is looking at the term "health" in a very broad way, such as physical and social needs.
- ✓ Assessment started in 2006 and took 2 years. Results provided in a booklet dated April 2008 provided at the meeting.
- ✓ Program is community driven; community owned. Purpose (1) to assess current health and well-being in the southeast area, (2) to identify discrepancies in service needs and health outcomes among area residents, (3) to develop a strategic plan for correcting these discrepancies.
- ✓ Particularly concerned with child abuse; Franklin Square has a child protection team with 24 hr. coverage. Many children in this area removed from their homes into foster care because of physical abuse, sexual abuse or neglect. Pledge for new parents to not shake their infants.
- ✓ Foster care is a big concern and there is a need to raise awareness and recruit foster care families in the area. Piloting in Dundalk.
- ✓ Parenting classes important to reduce neglect/abuse, promote stable housing and reduce transiency. Focus to keep children in the same school.
- ✓ Franklin Square can come to school locations and tailor the program to the school's needs. There is also a need for more structured after-school activities.
- ✓ Resources are there to help communities; people just don't know about them.
- ✓ Must raise awareness through community groups/associations and advisory councils.
- ✓ They meet the first Tuesday of every month at the Essex Library at 12:00. Important to note that census participation drives money to the County.

2010-11 Planning Meeting and re-election of officers

**June 2, 2010**

Harford Hills Elementary School

7:00 p.m. Meeting

Adjourned 8:00: p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lorrie Erdman