

**Southeast Area Education Advisory Council
Pre-budget Operating Meeting Minutes for October 11, 2010**

Meeting called to order: 7:01PM

Advisory Council Members: Robert Berkshire, Jackie Brewster, Jeanie Jung, Bonnie Saul, Sandra Skordalos & Bud Staigerwald

Attendees: Marsha Ayres (Charlesmont ES – Principal), Mark Baikauskas (Patapsco HS – Principal’s designee), Stephen Bender (Logan ES – Principal), Bob Findley (Edgemere ES – Principal), Roger Janssen (Board of Education), Pat Lawton (Assistant Superintendent), Lisa Murphy (Fiscal Analyst- Budget office), Meg O’Hare (Board of Education), H. Edward Parker (Board of Education), Chuck Raulie (Manager – Distribution), Dale Rauenzahn (Student Support Services), Lin Rucker (Sparrows Point MS - PTA President), Rob SantaCroce (Sparrows Point HS - Principal), Tom Shouldice (Dundalk HS – Principal), Cathy Thomas (Logan ES – AP), E. Donald Weglein (Sparrows Point MS - Principal), James Wiegmann (Logan ES – IC), Kristin Wojciechowski (Edgemere ES – AP), & Diane Young (Sollers Point Technical HS – Principal)

Speakers:

Debbie Smith (Dundalk HS - PTSA President)

Debbie spoke about the changes that have occurred at Dundalk HS over the past two years. She stated they made AYP two years in a row, removing them from MSDE Alternate Governance and Restructuring. Their class of 2010 improved their HSA test scores - English 39% and Algebra 12.5% over their 2008 scores. Their graduation rate improved and 51% of their seniors were accepted into college. Their athletic program continues to grow.

“The parents and community want to thank the Board of Education and County Executive for supporting the construction of the new Dundalk and Sollers Point High Schools on the Dundalk Campus.” Debbie invited everyone to the ground breaking ceremony on October 21st.

She requested that Dundalk continue to receive the additional resources that have made the difference at Dundalk HS. “The additional staffing and funding has allowed the school to implement essential turn around programs as well as train the staff to be effective with our students.”

“We request that the Board of Education continue to fund Dundalk’s staffing and operating budget at a level commensurate with the continuing need at Dundalk to maintain progress.”

Sherri Owen (Gifted and Talented Citizens Advisory Committee member)

Sherri explained the purpose of GTCAC committee to address the needs of the “many thousands of students with high potential because of the rate and depth of their ability to learn.”

“These students are in every school in every part of the county, and like every other student, deserve a consistently delivered program based on appropriately designed curriculum as well as teachers and administrators trained to understand both their needs and their potential.” “Students throughout our county deserve access to the same opportunities - opportunities to reach their maximum potential.”

Sherri asked that the county take these students’ needs into consideration when reviewing the 2011-2012 operating budget.

Jill Harris (Patapsco HS & Center for the Arts – PTSA treasurer)

Jill Harris spoke to the security concerns of the Patapsco HS & CFA PTSA. The areas of concerns were:

- Two full-time School Resource Officers like other schools in our area
- Our Parking lots to be resurfaced (before someone is injured)
- More security cameras so we can have adequate coverage
- The locks to be replaced in our building, since they are very old and worn out. Keys can no longer be made that function properly, so the whole lock must be replaced. This is a safety/ security concern.
- Health suite renovation to meet ADA standards
- Plumbing replaced, so we have clean water in our building.
- Air conditioning throughout the building.

Margie Kolk (Charlesmont ES – PTA President)

Margie requested the following:

- We received interactive white boards with stimulus money and would like BCPS to consider setting aside money for each school to purchase costly technology supplies (for example projector bulbs) to maintain their technology equipment/ replacement computers.
- As our enrollment continues to rise, our computer lab does not have enough student computers for every student. Once again we would like the county to consider setting aside money for a yearly allocation to each school for new computers
- Our school is in need of a kiln for our art classroom. We have been on a list for several years to receive our kiln from the art office. Our students are not able to complete projects in the elementary art curriculum.
- We also would like to request – for long range planning – our need to replace the window blinds throughout the school as the blinds are in need of repair and/or replacement. This should be a BCPS maintenance consideration and not a responsibility of the local school's budget.
- And finally, our request – again for long range planning – would be to have the entire school air conditioned.

Jackie Brewster (Patapsco HS & CFA - PTSA Board Member)

Jackie requested consideration for the following items for Patapsco HS:

- Ceiling mounted projectors and promethean boards in all of our classrooms
- New cafeteria tables
- New seating, sound system and curtains for our auditorium
- New serving lines for our cafeteria
- New lockers in hallways and gym
- Lights and stands for our athletic fields

Meeting adjourned: 7:31PM

The SE advisory council met briefly to discuss the priorities for our area. Many of the concerns of our area schools involve maintenance. Both the maintenance of our buildings and the equipment in those buildings seems to be of concern to our schools. It would be helpful to review the BCPS renovation and repair schedule. Many of these items may already be scheduled.

The other major concern would be the security/ safety issues. Many of which also involve maintaining our structures from parking lots to water quality.

We appreciate the attendance of the Board of Education members and the school system personnel at our meeting. We welcome their future attendance at our meetings.