

Southwest Area Educational Advisory Council (SWAEAC)**October 20, 2010*****BCPS Attendees:***

Michael Bowler	Board member	Ramona Johnson	Board member
Terri Gearney	BCPS staff	Karen Nguyen	BCPS staff
Ghassan Shah	BCPS staff	Barbara Walker	Asst. Superintendent
Jacqueline Davis	BCPS staff		
Deborah Bittner	CHS Principal	Lynn Whitlock	LHS Principal
Brian Scriven	WHS Principal	Kenneth Pipkin	WHS Asst. Principal

Speakers:

Phyllis King – Southwest Academy	Alisa Diop - Southwest Academy
Delise White – Southwest Academy	Aliza Worthington – Westchester Elem
Roxanne Umphrey-Luca- Woodlawn High	Eric Costello – Catonsville Elem
Teresa Lowery – Riverview Elem	Jamey Wooten – Edmondson Heights

Elizabeth Lee – Citizen Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented

Notes –***Alisa Diop/Southwest Academy/Parent/PTSA Secretary/CCBC Instructor***

Requesting air conditioning is installed in Southwest Academy School in hopes of improving the school educational environment. The students fall asleep, are covered in perspiration and are uncomfortable. In 2010-2011 school year the school had to close twice due to excessive heat. High heat index makes it unbearable in the classes and robs the students of an opportunity to receive an education.

Ms. Diop is also advocating that the lockers that have been stored at Southwest Academy for the past two years be installed so that they can be used by the students.

James Wooten/Edmondson Heights/ Parent/parent Connection

He expressed concern about the state of the basketball court which lacks rims. He is also requesting a foreign language program, air conditioning, and cultural sensitivity training. He is concerned that 95% of the teachers are Caucasian female while 95% of the students are African-American.

He also believes that as a Title I school the curriculum is not sufficiently rigorous because it lacks GT courses. A significant number of the African American males are in special education course.