

**Southeast Area Education Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes February 7, 2011**

Meeting called to order: 7:05PM

Advisory Council Members: Robert Berkshire, Jackie Brewster, Jeanie Jung, Barb McCullough, Sandra Skordalos, Bud Staigerwald & Katie Staigerwald

Attendees: Susan Hahn (Parent Support Services), Bob Nozeika (Community), Patricia Paul (War of 1812 Committee), Dale Rauenzahn (Exec. Director Student Support Services), Barbara Walker (Assistant Superintendent High Schools), James White (Community)

Presenters: Della Curtis (Coordinator - Library Information services) & Sharon Grimes (Supervisor - Library Information Services)

What is a Wiki? It is social networking in a safe environment. Check out the Wiki of our meeting.

BCPS.org website

Highlight OUR SYSTEM

Then choose Offices

Choose Library Information Services

Left side click on Web 2.0

On the right side click on SE Advisory Meeting to view all the items shared at our meeting, including LIS Homepage, Wikis – PBWorks and Voice Threads

From the Library Information Services page you can choose Standards for 21st Century Learners to view the standards.

From the Library Information Services page you can choose the online research modules by grade level. They are connected to county curriculum.

There is a wealth of information available to students and parents online 24/7. You can find everything from starting on the BCPS.org website.

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Choose Library Information Services

Second bulleted item: digital content, databases and virtual resources

Scroll down to choose one of the databases

From home you will need the passwords. They are available to all students and parents. You simply need to visit your school library media specialist. We visited many of the sources available online:

- Defined Stem includes how what you are learning (like physics) is used for different careers (making skateboards).
- Brain Pop & Brain Pop Jr. Video clips on just about every topic
- Net Trekkers – helps keep students on track while using the Internet, able to read the website out loud for the student, shows level, Weekly Reader Express, and can show a timeline

- World Book – online encyclopedia – no need to purchase, up to date information
- Spelling Bee & Vocab Grabber – learn new words, make a word map
- Opposing Viewpoints – gives you both sides (pro and con) of a topic
- Quest – The library catalog – you can find out what materials are available in every school, including eBooks. You can also use the Web Path Express to search the Internet.
- Many more

Presentation Period Ended 8:15PM

Advisory Council Meeting began at 8:20PM.

Ms. Walker and Mr. Rauenzahn were invited to speak first to address our question regarding why each of our high schools are using different schedules and how students transfer in and out of our high schools.

Breakdown on High school schedules:

10 follow a 7 period day

13 follow a 4 period day

1 follows a 6 period day (Dundalk HS)

Only Hereford, Kenwood and Patapsco are on a two semester schedule

Students need 21 credits to graduate.

Policy 2305 (School-based management) is going before the board to be deleted.

If a school staff chooses to change their schedule, they may change it.

Transfer of students

At Patapsco 46 exited and 32 entered.

Policy 5140 -If a student is withdrawing from a school, they can remain until the end of the semester. If a student is entering an area school and coming from a school with a different schedule, they can attend the school with a similar schedule until the end of the year. After that year, they must go to the school they are supposed to attend. In our area, they can easily find a school with a similar schedule.

Advance Path- It is available at both Dundalk & Chesapeake HS. It runs like a business center and offers online courses.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:28PM

Next meeting: March 14th at Patapsco HS & Center for the Arts – Capital Budget Process