

Central Area Educational Advisory Council
General Business Meeting
May 19, 2011
Ridgely Middle School

Attendees: Laura Mullen, Donna Sibley, Frank Thomas, Tracey Morcantoni, Jean Suda, Marie Stockdale, Mary Ellen Pease

- Parent representatives from Carver, Loch Raven HS, Towson HS, West Towson ES and Dumbarton MS attended as part of the group "Advocates for Course Choice in BCPS"

Historically, Baltimore County has offered a continuum of course choices from Standard, Honors, and GT through AP. Many of the high schools are eliminating class's especially standard courses and GT. Is this happening in the Central Area only or in all areas?

Rigor at the expense of students well being? There is an increased pressure to take on more advanced classes.

The STARS system is automatically advancing students to AP because not enough students are enrolled in GT course. Does this happen at all levels? What happens when the student or parent does not understand this change?

- Business meeting began at 8:30. Council decided on the dates and locations for next school year. There will be two pre-budget meetings, two presentation meetings and a business meeting. This will allow extra months for topics that might "pop up".

Laura will e-mail Brenda Stiffler with the dates and locations so that she may get it on the BOE website.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM