

SOUTHWEST AREA EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting minutes October 17, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM at Catonsville High School

Delegate Malone requested to speak on Question 7. A lively discussion followed his remarks and continued later after the meeting was adjourned

Advisory Council Members: Michael Blanch and Beverly Coleman

Attendees: Delegate James Malone, Board of Education member Michael Bowler, BCPS staff- Kelly Nguyen, Pat Vogel, Christian Miller, Deborah Bittner and Tiffany Harris, and Keith Meisel (Catonsville Times)

Topic: 2014 Operating Budget and 2015 Capital Budget Hearing

Speakers:

- JoMichael Latta, Westowne Elementary
- Patricia Dodson, Woodlawn High
- Khaleta Clark, Woodlawn High

Summary of speakers' statements:

JoMichael Latta:

1. Requesting-
 - a. Air-conditioning

Patricia Dodson:

1. Concerns about the large number of students who are in foster care and the need for additional services
2. Requesting-
 - a. School is in disrepair
 - b. Age of books (1999 American history book)
 - c. Insufficient LCD, ELMOS and laptops
 - d. No-functioning classroom televisions
 - e. Lack of sensory tools for special needs to students

Khaleta Clark:

1. Concerned about students needing incentives and teachers needing encouragement

2. Requesting-
 - a. Air conditioning
 - b. Larger and or more efficient cafeteria
 - c. Updated books
 - d. LCD projectors

Attached written comments: JoMichael Latta, and Khaleta Clark which appears to included comments for Woodlawn High English teacher Michael O'Leary

Next meeting November 28, 7:00PM at Edmonson Heights Elementary, topic Use of standardized tests

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM

In my role as chair I attended the Southwest Area Community forum hosted by Dr. Dance at Woodlawn High, a stakeholders meeting with Dr. Dance and Student Handbook committee.

I will be attending the Parent and Family policy review meeting tomorrow night.

Mr. Latta and Darren Powell student at Woodlawn High have expressed interest in serving on the council. I look forward to receiving their resumes to forward to the Board.

I visited two schools: Catonsville Elementary and Featherbed Elementary.