

**Southeast Area Education Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes May 13, 2013**

Meeting called to order: 7:10 PM

Advisory Council Members: Bill Bafitis, Jackie Brewster, Bonnie Saul, Sandra Skordalos & Bud Staigerwald

Attendees: Kim Barnhouser (Edgemere ES PTA President), Susan Hahn (BCPS Parent rep.), Kristin Lore (Edgemere ES AP), Helen Shiflett (Edgemere ES PTA President), & Susan Smith (Edgemere ES Principal)

Roundtable Discussion:

Kim Barnhouser – Eastwood ES:

- Plan to make memories of the time they have left at Eastwood before it closes
- Want more communication from BCPS
- At Holabird they are working on the curriculum
- They will not be changing the name next year.
- They will not be working as a K-8 school next year.
- Planning a big get together event on August 22
- Making many changes to Holabird (office closer to the front door, wall to separate 6-8 from 4-5 students, separate entrance for 4-5, no bell system, different dismissal times, classrooms will be sectioned off by grade level, possibility of having school uniforms – different color for 6-8 and 4-5 so it will be easier to identify students, & playground will be added at Holabird)
- Other items– Students will share cafeteria, gym and music rooms, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be escorted throughout the school day, & Holabird will have a breakfast program
- PTAs are all working together.
- Still have questions regarding this new program:
  - What will happen to Eastwood principal after the first year?
  - Only 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Eastwood will be allowed to go to Holabird, what happened to expanding this magnet program? Holabird will have 891 students with a capacity of 1028. If the purpose of this change was to accommodate more students to the Eastwood Magnet School, then why is the k-2 program only open to the students who were already attending Eastwood and Norwood? What happened to the students that were on the waiting list at Eastwood? Why are they not being allowed to attend this new STEM program?
  - How will the students at Berkshire and Colgate do when they attend Holabird MS? Why weren't these students allowed an opportunity to attend?
  - How will the students at Logan ES and Dundalk MS do when they mix in with these STEM students at Dundalk HS?

- Principal at Eastwood is never at Eastwood. She is too busy making plans at Holabird.

Helen Shiflett – Edgemere ES

- They had several new PTA events like “Muffins with Moms” and “Donuts with Dads” to try to get more parents involved. Both were very successful. Other recent events included - Spring Fling and Ice Cream Social & Reading Night. Their PTA has a core group of about 8-10 people who work together. They have focused on planning a lot of free events to get parents involved.

Susan Hahn – Parent Support Services:

- She let everyone know that she is available to come out and work with parents. There was also some discussion about the new breakfast program at Dundalk ES and the expanded breakfast program at Patapsco HS.

Roundtable Discussion Ended: 7:56 PM

Advisory Council Meeting

The SE Advisory thanks our host school Edgemere ES for the warm greeting and participation.

Then we discussed:

- Kim Barnhouser will be putting together her resume to submit to join the Southeast Advisory Council.
- Joint Advisory Council meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Bill Bafitis, Jackie Brewster, Sandy Skordalos and Bud Staigerwald will attend.
- Role of the Advisory Council
- Building our Advisory Council
- We would like to know which schools the new houses on Peninsula Expressway/ Cove Road will be attending.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:54 PM

Next meeting: June 17 at Squire’s 6:30 pm– Advisory Council Members – Planning 2013-2014