

*SouthwestAreaEducationalCouncil
MeetingJanuary15,2003
WoodmoorElementarySchool*

Meetingcalledtoorderat7:35p.m.

Advisorycouncilmemberspresent:

*BrianBailey
JaneDavis
SamMacer
RichardMilbourne
AnitaNewkirk
LisaOrens
JoePallozzi
AmandaSmith*

GuestSpeaker:Dr.JoeHairston

- I. BudgetPrioritiesWhichmakethisbudgetalignwiththe BlueprintforProgress and the No ChildLeftBehindAct*
 - a. Students*
 - b. Employees*

- II. HighlightsFromBudget*
 - a. 10schools willgetFull -dayKindergarten*
 - b. Expandprofessionaldevelopmentprograms*
 - c. Plantoinvestheavilyinprimary(K -2)education*
 - i. EncourageCommunityinvolvement(reinforcementathome)*
 - ii. Planningtimeprovisions*
 - d. JuniorROTCatPatapscoHighSchool*
 - e. Researchissuesrelatedtoagingschoolsandairquality*
 - f. MaximizequalityofSpecialEducation*

- III. ChallengesistheSouthwestArea*
 - a. WoodlawnMiddleSchool*
 - i. Commitmentofcommunityandadministrators*
 - ii. Mustcontinuedialogueonpertinentissues*
 - iii. OvercrowdingatFeatherbedandEdmondsonHeights*

- IV. QuestionsfromTheAudience*
 - a. SamMaceraskedaboutWoodlawnMiddleSchool*
 - i. Mr.Smith'snewagendacontainedarequestforstatefundingforWindsorMill MiddleSchool*
 - ii. DelegationgoingtoAnnapolistoappealforfunding*
 - iii. WindsorMillMiddleSchoolwillalleviateovercrowdingatSouth westAcademy*
 - iv. Rita Fromm from Strategic planning says annexing is being considered to alleviateovercrowdingatDogwoodelementarySchool*
 - b. A parent raised a concern about overcrowding and handicap access at Woodlawn MiddleSchool.*
 - i. Dr. Hairston stated that the SouthwestArea had 2028 work orders issued and 1313 had been completed.*
 - ii. Bathroom test: check a school's bathrooms in September, December and March.IfBathroomsarestillclean,communityisinvolvedandcommitted,*

- iii. *Clean school building teaches students to take care of property and take pride in their community.*
 - iv. *The state asks the BCPS what they are doing with the funding they've been given: Is the community willing to join BCPS in changing the behavior of the community?*
- c. *A Parent from Woodmoor Elementary asked about the extremes of weather that we experience in this region.*
 - i. *Dr. Hairston responded that installing Air Conditioning system wide would be prohibitively expensive.*
 - ii. *During periods of high heat, BCPS has to consider closing schools.*
- d. *Amanda Smith asked if transportation could be provided for Magnet school students who participate in extracurricular activities.*
 - i. *Magnet student signing a form accepting responsibility for extracurricular activity transportation.*
 - ii. *BCPS' fleet of 800 buses are needed for specific routes, and aren't available for this kind of transportation.*
- e. *A Woodlawn High School Parent pointed out that Woodlawn High School is still overcrowded despite the new 600-seat addition.*
 - i. *The strategic planning office looks at enrollment at every school every year.*
- f. *A question was raised regarding bringing more magnet school seats to the Southwest Area.*
 - i. *Dr. Hairston explained that Delegate Burns explained that he feels we should have Magnet school programming in every school. The No Child Left Behind Act requires that all students get Quality programming.*
 - ii. *AnevaluationoftheMagnetprogramhasbeencommissioned.*
- g. *A parent expressed disappointment with the change of cutoff date for the 3 and 4-year-old preschool program.*
 - i. *There cannot be an exception made because of overcrowding.*
- h. *A question was raised regarding how the problem of non-resident students will be addressed.*
 - i. *At Woodlawn High School, 300 cases were investigated and 10 were found to be legitimately illegal students.*
 - ii. *Our legislators are aware of the problem and trying to close the loophole in the law.*
 - iii. *The monitoring process needs to be strengthened.*
- i. *A Woodlawn High School parent expressed concerns about a 9th grade class with no teacher for a week, and discipline issues. The parent asked if the problems were being addressed.*
 - i. *Dr. Hairston, Dr. Milbourne and the principal will look at the issues, since it is beyond the scope of the Advisory Council.*
- j. *A Woodmoor parent described problems with windows and boilers.*
 - i. *Dr. Hairston explained that of the \$31 million that BCPS requested from the state for system repairs (boilers, roofs etc.), only \$2 million was awarded. A delegation will go to Annapolis on January 22 to appeal for more State funding.*

General meeting Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Business meeting called to order at 8:45 p.m.

- I. *Mr. Gerald Judd, parent form Southwest Academy, expressed concerns regarding overcrowding at Southwest Academy*
 - a. *Projections for construction of feeder schools has a margin of error of 25%*
 - b. *Southwest Academy currently has 1350 students, capacity is 1030 students*
 - c. *May need another portable next year to help reduce the overcrowding*
 - d. *Mr. Judd asked for help to get some relief for the overcrowding at Southwest Academy*
 - e. *Dr. Milbourn provides statistics on overcrowded schools in the Southwest Area:*
 - i. *5 elementary schools are over capacity*
 - ii. *22 middle schools are over capacity*
 1. *Southwest Academy by 256 students*
 - a. *Magnet students put them over capacity*
 - b. *Suggested that we need more magnet school programs in Southwest area*
 2. *Catonsville Middle School by 70 students*
 - iii. *Southwest Area has the fewest number of magnet schools*
 - II. *Next meeting: Arbutus Middle School, Wednesday February 18, 2003*
 - a. *Topics: Financial aid and scholarships*
 - b. *Athletic scholarships*
 - c. *New Program being introduced for 7th graders called "College Ed"*
 - III. *April Meeting Topic: Should we invite the strategic planning team to discuss overcrowding?*
 - IV. *Suggested topic for a future meeting: High School Assessments, Dr. Wynn Grant*
 - V. *Sam expressed a concern that there is no newsletter for parents at Edmondson Heights Elementary School.*
- Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.*