

**Central Area Education Advisory Council  
Dumbarton Middle School  
November 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**

- Meeting Minutes recorded by Sharon Elliott
- “The Whole College Application Thing” presentation by Chip Saltsman
- Attendees: approximately 50 persons.

## Opening

- introduction of area superintendent: Barbara Walker

## Primary Presentation: The Whole College Application Thing by Chip Saltsman

- (10) There are several perfect colleges for you out there...narrow the list
  - location
  - setting
  - size
  - diversity
  - activities/sports
  - majors and academic programs
  - admissions selectivity and degree of difficulty to get in
  - cost
  - other specialization
  - college matchmaker tools: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com); [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com); [www.kiplinger.com/tools/college](http://www.kiplinger.com/tools/college)
- (9) They really do consider the whole package
  - depth and quality of resume rather than lots of activities
  - stand out in two extra curricular activities
  - are you really interested in them
- (8) Visit...really visit
- (7) Who needs Harvard
- (6) Actually you should apply to Harvard
- (5) You can probably pay for it
  - FASFA: 45,000 = 0
  - Hope Scholarship Credit
  - Lifetime learning credit
  - grants
  - federal loans
  - coverdell ESA
- (4) Your parents relatives and friends all have opinions...so what
- (3) This is your senior year long-term assignment
  - think about recommendations
  - take SAT (3/31/09 registration deadline for 5/2/09 test date)
  - keep a log of accomplishments
- (2) I have no clue what I want to major in is an ok place to be
- (1) There are some ways to increase college admission
  - have an interview
  - visit the campus and make sure they know