

Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council Meeting

September 22, 2010

Eastern Technical High School

Called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Attendance:

Lori Riveri, Jade Leung, Dareise Jones, Rodger C. Janssen, Meg O'Hare, Kevin Grebill, Dale R. Rauenzahn, Nancy L. Ostrow, Lorrie Erdman

Dariese Jones read introduction from Pres. Marks who was unable to attend this evening regarding the re-organization of the BCPS level-lines which will affect the area organization councils. Council heads will attend a meeting in October and more information will be forthcoming. During these difficult economic times, the pre-operating budget is crucial and the Board is urged to fully fund all requests set forth by the Superintendent, especially relating to curriculum and instruction.

Motion to approve minutes by Lori Rivera; second from Dariece Jones from last meeting; approved.

SPEAKERS:**Nancy Ostrow; PTA Council of Baltimore County**

Speaking on behalf of 160 local PTA chapters (38,000 members). Requesting careful consideration be given to testimony provided by all PTAs, individuals, school staff and community organizations. Needs of schools should be reflected in budget sent to the County Executive in Jan. 2011. School systems should prevent/minimize duplication of programs and initiatives. Monitor existing programs to increase student performance. Consider expenditures for providing safe and healthy learning environments. PTA is not in existence as an alternative funding source, rather the first concerns are children's growth and well-being. Shift focus away from fundraising to mission of an advocacy organization for adequate public school funding. Communicate to the PTA why certain programs or expenditures cannot be budgeted so that steps can be taken with elected officials that control funding sources. The PTA encourages all decision makers to carefully scrutinize ways to maximize the impact of each dollar spent on public school education. National PTA supports the concept of shared responsibility in the development of school policies and in curriculum decisions.

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What are the priorities of parents, stakeholders, teachers, etc.? Where should money be directed???

10/21 PTA workshop.

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PTA can send in written requests to area councils or budget office, which will be forwarded to Stephanie Marks.

Adjourned 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lorrie Erdman