

GLENBARD SOUTH CAC
(Citizens' Advisory Council)
Meeting Notes from October 19, 2011

Attendees: Karen Volk, Chair; Roseann Griffin, Vice-Chair; Terri Hanrahan, Principal; Chris Marks, Cindy Christensen, Chris Woods, Ann Spiers, Tom Perkins, Yadav Nathwani, Kim Opem, Penny Scarpiniti, Gabriella Bean.

The meeting began with a brainstorming session about what makes Glenbard South a great school, and how we can improve it. The following was suggested:

- GS has a strong academic reputation; we want to preserve that.
- CAC is a place for communication.
- There can be a yearly focus group for freshman and/or their parents.
- The Safe House initiative needs feedback.
- The amount of extra curricular opportunities at GS is a positive.
- Attendance at basketball games needs to be encouraged. Basketball schedules can be sent to the community.
- Terri followed up on the attendance discussion from last meeting. Any student who is below 94% attendance will have an attendance report sent home.
- Terri announced that GS was asked by the ACT to be researched since our test scores are above the expected growth.

Next, two books, both authored by GPS speakers, were discussed.

Cindy Christensen presented the book Blessings of a B- by Wendy Mogel. Since Dr. Mogel had spoken the previous night at Glenbard East, some members could add to the discussion. Cindy highly recommends that parents read this book which promotes raising resilient children.

Karen Volk reported on the book Acts of Faith by Dr. Eboo Patel who will speak at GS on December 8. This book's theme was children are influenced by their mentors and institutions. Our youth need to learn love, tolerance, and compassion. Dr. Patel founded the Interfaith Youth Core in 2001. This group promotes religious cooperation through service. He says, "Well run youth programs have a profound impact on the behavior of young people."

The next CAC meeting, at 7 p.m. on November 16 in the Little Theater, is an informational meeting to discuss the Honors and Advanced Placement program at Glenbard South. There will be presentations by the administration and college representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Volk, CAC Chair