

**GLENBARD SOUTH
CAC
(Citizens' Advisory Council)
Meeting Notes from September 21, 2011**

Attendees: Karen Volk, Chair; Roseann Griffin, Vice-Chair; Terri Hanrahan, Principal; Linda Clark, Melissa Koenig, Debbie Kalck, Linda Helf, Chris Marks, Cindy Christensen, Kim Woods, Chris Woods, Anne Schmalandt, Debbie Gregorash, Ann Spiers, Lori Gasbarro, Gabriella Bean, Viraj Dhebar.

Principal Terri Hanrahan gave a brief update on some recent school happenings:

- The students requested that there be a Powder Puff game for Homecoming. Since it would have to be played on the practice field, the students decided against it.
- The administration and students met to discuss the kind of dancing that would be allowed at Homecoming. The students helped determine the rules. Since the issue of inappropriate dancing was brought up at the Spring Dance and Prom, the discussion went very well.

Terri presented Glenbard South's Goals for this year. Goals are determined by the Academic Achievement Data and the Board of Education.

The district looks at our growth from Explore to Plan to ACT, failure data, attendance, discipline issues, graduation rate, and parental engagement.

Glenbard South's goals are:

1. Attendance – 94% attendance rate. South struggles with this. There was a discussion about how we compare to other schools and how to improve.

2. Increase by 3% student involvement co-curricular activity. The Black and Hispanic population has a lower rate of involvement than the White population.

3. All students will make expected growth in reading as measured by EPAS (Explore – Plan- ACT) There will be a 3% decrease in freshman failures, and only a single digit failure rate for the entire school (by student).

Recovery Wednesday – Every other Wednesday the Guidance Department meets with students who are failing. Every week the administration looks at a list of failure rates. Last year South's failure rate was 12% the first semester and 14% the second semester.

PLC's will look at grading and homework policies to determine any changes for next year.

Karen Volk presented information about the October and December meetings. There will be discussions about books by future GPS speakers. The following agreed to read books to present for discussions at the October 19 meeting: Melissa Koenig and Cindy Christensen: Blessings of a B- by Dr. Wendy Mogel; Debbie Kalck Blessings of a Skinned

Knee by Dr. Wendy Mogel; Karen Volk: Acts of Faith by Eboo Patel. For the December 14 meeting: Roseann Griffin and Kim Woods: Spark – The Revolutionary Science of Exercise and the Brain by Dr. John Ratey; Debbie Gregorash: The Teens’ Guide to World Domination by Josh Shipp. All books are available at the Glen Ellyn Library by the Adult Reference Desk under CAC.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Volk
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