

**CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL
2007-2008**

Principal: Terri Hanrahan
Vice-Chairperson: Illiana Ebbola

Chairperson: Karen Diedrick
Secretary: Marie Ringenberg

MINUTES – November 27, 2007

Attendance: 7

I. OPENING

Marie Ringenberg opened the meeting representing Karen Diedrick and Illiana Ebbola. Illiana was called in to work and unable to attend. Karen continues to be in Michigan helping her family manage her Mother's life-threatening healthcare.

II. MINUTES

A motion to approve the October 18, 2007 minutes was made by Lynwood Moffett and seconded by Carol Adams. All were in favor.

III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Terri reported that Glenbard South students at the Glenbard West Basketball tournament damaged bleachers. This type of vandalism has occurred for the past three years, possibly for five. Terri expressed frustration and worry about students who could not see why this is an issue or resented the fact that it was addressed by the administration. She asked for parental support for this issue and for the issue of student's attendance. Glenbard South had the poorest attendance rate in the district last year. She expressed concern about "senior ditch days" which certainly affects the school's state performance record.

The demographics for our area are shifting and District 87 is getting better at looking at the information. Ms. Hanrahan shared data that came as a surprise to her that South had the second highest percentage of African-American students in the district (behind Glenbard East) and the highest percentage of Special Education students. She also noted that our low-income population has quadrupled since 2002. The point being that South is more diverse than most people think.

Another report showed statistics on how students from the various EPAS (Educational Planning Assessment System) subgroups fared on AP exams. It is clear when looking at data from the other three Glenbard schools that there are some lower Explore score students at South who are not getting access to AP as they are in the other Glenbards. She shared this issue with various staff members.

As Principal, Terri would like to see more of those students have a chance at taking those courses. She also shared a website from the ACT Corporation that lists college readiness standards for English, Math, Reading, Science, and Writing.

We discussed how teachers could use the information to move students from one score band to another using the standards. The address is: www.act.org/standard.

District 87 approved the 2008 summer school courses at the last board meeting. Ms. Hanrahan was encouraged by a CAC member to get the word out to parents as soon as possible to parents.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT-Karen Diedrick requested several items to be discussed as time would permit.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Marie Ringenberg, Secretary reported that the CAC website is up and running thanks to Illiana Ebbole and Stephanie Wallace. Information and CAC meeting dates will be posted on the website. Suggestions welcomed. At the September meeting, a concern was expressed about books chosen for the summer reading requirements of English courses. A request was made that the selection process for the summer lists be a topic for a future meeting. This information was not in the September minutes and we regret the omission. The Executive Board will consider the topic for next years' meeting. Cindy Christiansen attended the CRISS parent workshop and highly recommended that parents use this as another learning opportunity. ACT question: Terri reported that each time the ACT is taken, the previous score does remain on the student's transcript, and it would be cost prohibited to change.

Zoning issue: As a courtesy, the architect met with Ms. Hanrahan. She expressed concern that the band practices and the PE classes meet in the fields just beyond where the condominiums will be located. A CAC member also reiterated the concern of the residents overlooking our sporting field with the opportunity to observe the students. It appears that the County is ready to sign off on the property. Terri said that the architect would meet with concerned citizens but was not looking for permission to build. District 87 cannot afford to buy the land. Information was given about a rezoning meeting taking place on Weds. Nov. 28 at 7:30 p.m. It prompted the discussion about CAC becoming a clearinghouse for pertinent information about this project.

V. NEW BUSINESS

The next CARES program: Parents Teen and the Law, Tuesday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. Marquardt Administration Center Glendale Heights, IL. Also mentioned Thursday, February 28, 2008 Fostering Family Closeness and Respect-Dr. Robert Brooks, Harvard Medical School Psychologist, GBW auditorium

Gail Lewellyan-Johnson informed parents about a type of crystal meth going around that looks like strawberry pop rocks. It also comes in chocolate, peanut butter, cola, cherry, grape, and orange. It looks just like pop rocks.

Healthy Breakfast volunteers: Please volunteer for the Healthy Breakfast: more information at the January meeting.

Gail Lewellyan-Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Carol Adams. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am. The next meeting will be **January 16, 2008, Wednesday evening 7:30 p.m. Library (NEW DATE).**

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Ringenberg
CAC Secretary

CAC Meeting Dates:

January 16—Wednesday evening 7:30 p.m. Library (**NEW DATE**)

February 12—Tuesday **10:00** a.m. ACR

February 22 –Friday – Healthy Breakfast

March 11—Tuesday **10:00** a.m. ACR

April 9-Wednesday evening 7:30 p.m. Library (**NEW DATE**)

May 6-Tuesday-9:30 a.m. ACR