

**Central Area Advisory  
General Meeting @ Stranahan High School  
December 11, 2014**

**Welcome** –9:37 am by Ms. Owens, Stranahan principal. Welcome included serenade by the concert band, breakfast goodies by the culinary students, and presentation of the colors by the JROTC. Stranahan High School is the proud home of three magnet programs – Engineering, Medical Arts, and UTAP (Urban Teacher Academy Program). The recently passed bond will allow \$16 million in much needed repairs and renovations of these 1953 high school buildings.

A phone bridge was set up and ran throughout the meeting.

**Minutes**

Minutes from the October and November meetings were silently read. Motions to accept as is were presented and approved.

October minutes– Motion – Daniel Sohn, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Alfredo Janik

November minutes – Motion - Bernadette Harding, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Renee Loperena

**Presentation by Dean Vaughan and Dr. Sandra Skinner, BCPS Office of Student Assessment and Research**

Mr. Vaughan spoke about the annual parent survey. This survey is an important piece of information for the School Board. In recent years, participation has dropped due to it being only on-line. It is vital to get the word out to participate because of the ongoing accreditation process for the county. A response rate of over 20% is needed. This year parents will be randomly assigned a survey from the county or from Advanced Ed (accreditation). County survey results should be available in April. Last year's results are online along with percentage of participation by school.

<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/sar/docs/results/CustomSurvey2014-Parent.pdf> } Note: this is a 912 page document and you must search for your school in alphabetical order – whee!

Discussions included ways to get the word out, and how to encourage parents to go online and complete the survey before, during and after school events. SAF chairs were asked to team with other parent organizations to help out...

**Area Chair Report – Allicia Walford**

Central Area presented a motion to the DAC to increase the number of days the ESE specialist work. The motion was tabled so that the other areas can canvas their parents.

Gifted Advisory needs a new chair. Donna Turner is the contact at the District Level. Discussion brought up those not just parents of “gifted” students should be on this advisory. Parents of high achievers should also be encouraged to attend this advisory.

Title 1 is having its big event on January 31, Saturday, at the Signature Grand. Registration is through the schools.

DAC will have a speaker in January to discuss the Florida Standard Assessments. CAA will try to see if they can come to our February meeting.

It was noted that the deadline for magnet school choice is February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Committee reports at the DAC:

Attendance Committee – will present recommendations about unexcused absent and make up work to the school board in January

Facilities and Audit Committee – starting to heat up now that the bond issues has passed.

Policy 6000.1 – will try to get a speaker for the February meeting to talk about upcoming policy changes.

CAA has a new correspondence secretary – Colleen Lawrence. The website will be worked on over the winter break. Discussion about what should be on the web site will be noted separately.

### **New Business**

Eric Jacobson from Parkway MS was voted in by consensus at our Facilities Rep.

Daniel Sohn presented a Legislative Update. He noted the school board has a legislative site and link for parents. (<http://www.browardschools.com/legislativeinfo#.VJcZ5f9hzA>) Committees are meeting and getting ready for the upcoming session. Broward County Schools is concerned about many things, including increased funding, extracurricular activities, art, charter schools (municipal versus private)

### **General Discussions and Announcements**

There will be a Town Hall meeting about Affordable Care on December 20, flyers were handed out.

### **Adjournment at 10:55 am**

Next Steering Meeting will be January 15 9:30 am at TSSC Building

Next General Meeting will be January 22 at 6 pm at Fort Lauderdale HS.