



Harford County Public Schools

HCPS School Uniform Committee Minutes

Thursday, August 14, 2008

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

In Attendance: Dave Volrath, Pat Skebeck, Patrick Hess, Duane Wallace, Carina Sheehan, Michelle Shaivitz, Kaye Blome, Brad Stinar.

Guests: Jon ONeal, Teri Kranefeld.

Mrs. Kranefeld reviewed the original questions for the upcoming forums. The group reviewed the process of how each question will be asked and how the attendees will be answering them.

Question 1 – (Part 1) Benefits of the implementation of school uniforms.

The group decided to eliminate and correct parts of the first questions, and created an additional benefit which included the students perceiving equity.

Questions 1 – (Part 2) Limitations of implementation of school uniforms.

Changed number five to say restricts student's individual expression.

Added there is no hard data to support the use or rejection of school uniforms.

We will be asking the groups to prioritize the benefits of implementing school uniforms. If attendees have additional comments, we will get color coded comment cards which will be specified to match the questions.

Question 2 – What the school uniform should look like and policy of enforcement.

At the forums, parents will be given a hard copy of the current Harford County Public School dress code policy.

Question 3 – How the school uniform implementation should occur.

Discussed implementation and should it occur the process should be: all grades implemented at the same time, phased in the elementary school level first, phased in and the high school level first, or phased in one grade level at time.

During the forum, at the conclusion of the questions the attendees will then view the answers to the questions. The presenter will show the attendees graphs and the breakdown of each of the results. After the results are viewed the presenters will then proceed to the questions and answers portion of the evening. The committee will provide the Board with copies of all results from all forums.

Mrs. Shaivitz will send out a request from high schools principals to give her dates for the forums. Then let feeder systems know when their schools will be having the forum.

Mrs. Kranefeld's office will create a flyer that schools can put in their September newsletters for the promotion of the forums. An Alert Now message will also be sent out as a reminder of the forum dates.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 10th 4 – 5pm