



# Harford County Public Schools

## HCPS School Uniform Committee Minutes

Thursday, May 15, 2008

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

In Attendance: Michelle Shaivitz, Dave Volrath, Pat Skebeck, Patrick Hess, Corina Sheehan, Carol Whitt, Pam Illick, Regina Jones, Kaye Blome, Joe Voskuhl, Stacey Drakeford, Elizabeth Ray.

Mrs. Skebeck gave out the “script” for the Uniform Forums. The group read the script and shared their feedback with the group and discussed the format for the forum.

Suggestions for new script included: open up the meeting with an introduction, ground rules, and overview of the evening. Share data including where we are in the process of the investigation of utilizing uniforms. Give attendees a tentative timeline for implementation. Discuss how the uniform ordering will take place. Use neutral vocabulary instead of having yes or no questions. Discuss the process for students who cannot order the uniforms. After the script is followed all attendees will be placed into groups in the cafeteria. They will be given four questions and will compile their answers. Each group will be given the opportunity to share their answers in the form of a gallery walk. If attendees are not staying for further discussion they may fill out a comment card before exiting.

### Forum timeline

6:30-7:00– opening.

7:00 -7:45 – table talk.

7:45 – 8:05– gallery walk to view answers to questions.

8:10 – 9:00 – open up the floor for questions and discussions.

### Forum group questions

1. What do you perceive are the benefits of school uniforms and if you are against uniforms, what are your concerns.
2. What would you like to see our school uniforms look like, and what articles of clothing should and should not be included?
3. Should we implement a phase –in which starts year one with elementary schools year two at middle schools and third year will be high school, or all grade levels at one time.
4. How would you suggest we enforce a compliance policy with your students?

Final comments will be given at the end of the script.

Mrs. Shaivitz will speak with John Carroll and St. Margaret’s schools to find out how the parents at those schools order their uniforms for their students, what the school does to help facilitate a relationship with certain companies, and get any contact information for the companies that provide uniforms.

The forums will take place in the first three weeks in the October tentatively.

We will hold ten meeting and give the parents the opportunity to attend the meeting preferable in their attendance area. Notify the Harford County PTA and do a practice run and get some feedback from them. We will address the Assistant Principals to train them in the facilitation of the forums.

Obtain dates for back to school and magnet presentation evenings. Lastly we will get in touch with the principals to let them know of the use of their buildings.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE JUNE 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.