

**Executive Parent Advisory Council #428**  
**Minutes of Monthly meeting**  
**November 7, 2007 7:00pm**

Those in attendance: Christie Iversen (Malta), Ann Brooks (Tyler), Brenda Farnum (Littlejohn), Peggy Berger-Dlabal (Lincoln), Lisa Johnson (Jefferson), Shelly Perkins (Lincoln/ HMS), Mary Hess (Wright), Linda Sherman (Wright), Chris Setchell (Huntley), Becky McCabe, Russ Fletcher, Dr.Beilfus.

Meeting brought to order at 7:10pm.

Chris Setchell motioned to accept the October minutes as distributed, seconded by Mary Hess.

**Guest Speaker:**

Russ Fletcher presented information about the Facility Planning Committee report which anticipates enrollment in DeKalb schools and the need for space in the district. The Facility Planning Committee has developed several recommendations to address the growing DeKalb Community and need for space in the schools. The School Board, along with community focus groups, have considered these options and are preparing a referendum.

A group member asked if the land purchased near the high school could be used for a new high school. At present, another property is being considered; however, the property nearby the high school would be used for other district needs.

A citizens group is being formed to get the word out about the referendum and educate voters. Help from citizens will be needed.

**Reports:**

President: Mary Hess attended a community breakfast regarding the 40 developmental assets. While at this meeting was able to make contact with groups to discuss the Resource Fair that EPAC is looking to host. A representative can sign people for All Kids program but can not receive a stipend for sign-up.

Superintendent: The School Board recently met with the City Council, Library and Park District regarding the Facility Planning Committee report. Also discussed ways that school and community services could work together for the people the DeKalb area.

Becky McCabe reported on the Fahrenheit 451 program, elementary school were going to read 451 books. Collectively, **the elementary schools read over 12, 000 in one month.** The District is considering a new World Geography Book, samples are the hall. Regarding the question of copyright laws and showing movies for entertainment in a school setting, a license is needed.

**New Business:**

EPAC plans to hold a referendum night. Mary Hess, Linda Sherman, Peggy Dlabal and Lisa Johnson volunteered to work on this event. The group discussed holding it at the High School and having tours. It was suggested to have people write up their questions verses getting up and asking.

Take You Family to School week will be the last week of January 2008. Motion to have the Take your Family to School week at the end of January: 9 yes votes. Motion passed pending agreement from the Leadership Committee. Schools can host the event as best meets their schedule.

Operation Book Bag is still in effect. This information will be linked to the VOICES data base.

VOICES: a multi-generational volunteer group has had much interest from community members and has a link on the District website.

**Old Business:**

The group was presented with the summary of EPAC Council Functions, Goals for 2007/08 and EPAC positions. Motion to accept the goals listed, 8 voted yes, 0 nays.

**Other Business:**

Jefferson Elementary Tree Festival will be November 30 and December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Terrace Room at Hopkins Park. Jefferson school will bring a snowman out the school to be decorated by the school and raffled off to someone at that school.

Malta Elementary is holding a Mistletoe Market this Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 9-3.

Daily Chronicle is looking for photos of school events, school to community events and other school successes.

Discussion of the District's policy of sending out flyers from area businesses that serves students. Schools found that the parents were receiving large packets of information at home and not looking at the school newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Sherman  
Secretary