

**Community Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 1, 2015**  
**2:00pm**

- The meeting was called to order at 2:12 pm
- Members Present were:
  - Vanessa Hicks, Parent (Brooks and Angelou)
  - Dr. Denean Adams, Superintendent
  - Betty Johnson, Board Member
  - Felicia Johnson, Board Member
  - Arletha Bolton, Community Education Manager (Parent, Riley PreK)
  - Jackie Settles, Mc V Liaison
  - Barbara Gatlins, Mc V Liaison
- Ms. Bolton led the group in an Icebreaker game call “Strengths and Weaknesses”.
- Board Member Betty Johnson introduced the first topics of discussion.

**1. Uniforms**

-Parent Vanessa Hicks and many other parents mentioned that the white uniform shirts are hard to keep clean and it makes it difficult to keep purchase more shirts throughout the year, when you have several children.

-Mrs. Johnson brought up the fact that the uniforms where started to help come against bullying of children whose parents may not have the means and resources to keep up with the latest fashions. It uniforms would also aid against theft of expensive clothing items.

-Members of McKinny/Vento mentioned that keeping the white shirts was easier for them because they purchase several uniforms to assist their homeless populations throughout the year. Ms. Bolton also mentioned that she receives donations of new school uniforms shirts from various donors and changing them would make it difficult for donors to give different colors shirts.

-The group suggested we continue to keep the current black pants/bottoms for all schools but allow students to have an options to wear their School colors in the form of a Polo shirts WITH a collar or a School Spirit shirt (w/ school name or logo). Students will also have the option to continuing to wear the white shirts as well. It would be up to the discretion of the Principals on what day the spirit shirts, can be worn.

-Ms. Settles suggested that we give the parents enough time to prepare for the change. The group agreed and Board Member Johnson mentioned that she would get this information to the Principals and Board Members to make a final determination.

## **2. Ways To Improve The District Community**

-Mrs. Hicks (Parent) mentioned that she is a Markham resident and she was not getting any of the school information or notification through the mail system. Ms. Bolton mentioned that she is also a Markham Parent and has been working with the post office to get the proper boundaries in order make sure all family are getting our newsletters and other correspondences.

- The group ended with any questions or announcements and Ms. Hicks mentioned that she was very impressed with the Brooks Middle School “True Gentleman’s Society” program on last week. She was impressed that her son was so excited about the program and all that he had learn from the program.
- The group talked about making the meeting later to accommodate working parents or staff that cannot get out their building until 3:00pm. The group suggested that we meet bi-monthly at 4:00pm at the Central Office. The group also put together a schedule for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year. The group will meet bi-monthly at the Central Office:
  - Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm**
  - Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm**
  - Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm**
  - Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm**
- Meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm
- Next Meeting Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm

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**Parent and Community Advisory Team Monday,  
June 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm**

## **Agenda**

- I. Call to Order:.....Dr. Adams
- II. Introduction of Attendees..... Ms. Bolton
- III. Introduction of Topics of Discussion.....Ms. B.J. Johnson
  - a. School Uniforms
  - b. Ways to improve the District community
- IV. Questions.....
- V. Closing Announcements.....
- VI. Adjournment.....Dr. Adams