

# Montgomery County Schools

Community Area Advisory

April 11 and 12, 2011

## EVALUATION

### Thing that helped the session

- The plan for budget presentation was good.
- The kids in our school system are disciplined.
- PowerPoint was direct and to the point, as to where we stand on budget and possible cuts (10)
- Information discussed was also made available for all to take home and review.
- Dr. Ellis is open to questions and discussions (8)
- Childcare and serving dinner (19).
- Getting the students involved, which helped increase attendance (2). It was evident that the children and teachers have worked hard to prepare!
- Strategic Plan--Clear plan w/specific measures.
- Being told the truth concerning the budget and goals for our school and children (4).
- I commend you for being brave and letting us know the challenges that face our county.
- As a parent of children in the school system, these meetings make me feel more comfortable with our schools.
- Children's involvement with career choices.
- Good parental involvement.
- Program was great!
- Appreciate the calls back from your personally, thank you for opening the schools up to the parents.
- Positive
- Location and time
- I commend EMS for getting my child's homework while out sick one week because of the flu.
- Good meeting, thank you for taking your time to come out and speak to all of us and your willingness to answer questions.
- Presenting information in English/Spanish

### Things that can be improved

- Don't divide up parents/the announcement of the Spanish session
- Would like to hear from board members about their ideas/plans for the next 3 yrs.
- Cut off water machine when there is a speaker (noise too loud) (2)
- Possibly start at 5:00 pm

- I wanted to know the state average of qualified teachers. All that was given was 1 yr goal and 3 yr goal.
- What do we do with the admission revenues from middle school sports events/games?
- Would like to see more school board members present (9)
- Making these things happen!
- I was disappointed with the turn-out of educators, school board members, parents, and community leaders (2).
- Maybe simplify the wording. Do most parents understand?
- Policies on bullying
- Amount of excess walking and talking during the actual meeting.
- More one on one helps with the kids that need help.
- Didn't feel it was an appropriate time to ask questions or start an open discussion.
- Parents seemed to just be here for the performance, which was really good.
- I would like to see more time for our middle school students to be active.
- How can we get more parents to volunteer?

#### Questions/Comments:

- Goal is to be in top 25 of NC school systems, where is Montgomery now?
- What is graduation rate now?
- What is OSS rate?
- What school attendance for school now?
- Would ISS at Elementary Schools help to reduce OSS rate? It would increase the attendance rate since they are present in ISS vs. being absent if OSS
- How can we have Globally Competitive students when the High Schools don't have any AP classes?
- I am not sure how you will get or retain highly qualified teachers if you take supplements, raises, and assistants from them.
- Why is More at Four being cut?
- How come roof not lasting 25 to 30 yrs? Leaking?

#### Feedback from Session Presented in Spanish:

1. Need more Hispanic teachers especially on the East-side.
2. Find Hispanic role models to speak to classes at EMHS to show students they can have a future through education.
3. Cultural events to celebrate Hispanic culture at schools (east-side)
4. The meetings were structured great. They liked the format. (Good job Lindsay!!)

5. Could school buses drive and pick up parents??? Scared to drive (road checks)!!
6. Any other consequences other than OSS...kids get in more trouble suspended at home.

Christina wants to know:

1. Suspension rates for county.
2. The % of students that are served at health centers that are uninsured.