

**Central Area Educational Advisory Council Minutes
June 13, 2001**

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Call to Order: 7:35 p.m.

Location: ESS Building Atrium

Attendance: Ann McNell, Krys Seiler, Lynn Sklar, Bernadette Worthing, Vicki Schultz-Unger

Welcome: Krys Seiler called the meeting to order and welcomed Jo Anne Koehler, the new Executive Director for the Central Area.

Minutes: Minutes from the May 16, 2001 meeting were approved.

Committee Reports:

- Evaluation – Bernadette Worthing presented a draft of the report for discussion. The council approved the report with two corrections to be made before it is submitted to the Board. Maggie Kennedy will also receive a copy.
- Nominations – Krys Seiler presented the following slate of candidates for 2001-2002 officers: Lynn Sklar, Chairman; Ann McNell, Vice-Chairman and recommended that the Secretary function rotate among members, absent a candidate. The Council voted, electing the slate as presented and agreeing to rotating the secretarial duties.

Unfinished Business:

- Krys Seiler led a discussion on strategies for filling the vacancies on the Council. The Council agreed that a letter should be sent to each principal in the Central Area with a carbon copy to each PTA President. The Council also agreed to explore establishing an Advisory Council liaison on each PTA Executive Board and contact PTA Council to discuss the role of the Advisory Council.
- Krys announced that the Council will need to work with the Central Area to solicit 2 student members for 2001-2002 who should come from Carver and Loch Raven or Hereford High School.
- Bernadette Worthing reported on the June 12th Board meeting that she attended.

New Business:

- Lynn Sklar will pick potential dates for an August planning meeting and will contact members via email to schedule. Liaison schools for the 2001-2002 school year will be assigned at this meeting.
- There was a general discussion regarding programs and meetings for the 2001-2002 school year. The Council agreed to consider:
 - Reviewing other advisory council meeting models that do not meet as often.
 - Bringing programs to area school PTA meetings that are of particular interest to a school community and would be expected to result in larger numbers of attendees. Council members would contact their liaison schools regarding their interest, starting with schools not recently visited by the Council.
 - Video taping programs and sending copies to area schools if resources could be allocated for taping and duplication.
- Budget hearing protocol for Council Members was discussed. The Council agreed that members will not speak at the Pre-Budget Hearings because the Council's role is to moderate the hearing and record testimony. Council members have other venues for personal input.

Comments from Central Area Staff:

- Jean Satterfield formally presented and provided some background information on Jo Anne Koehler, the new Central Area Executive Director. She noted that Ms. Koehler has both experience in the Central Area and a system-wide perspective gained while serving as Director, Food and Nutrition Services.
- Reported that CTBS test scores were up at every grade level.
- Related that she has enjoyed working with the Council and expects to continue to do so as she moves on to her new post as a Director for Special Education with a countywide responsibility.

Announcements/Comments:

- Council members thanked Krys Seiler for her contributions during her years on the Council, which included serving as Chairman for the past two years.

Adjournment: 8:45 p.m.



Ann McNell
Secretary

These minutes were approved by the CAEAC on October 15, 2001