

DISTRICT A-TEAM/SOUTHEAST REGION PAC
NOTES FROM DECEMBER 13th MEETING

- I. **HOMEWORK 24/7** presentation by Evelyn Walkowicz (Henderson Libraries). The financial supporter of this awesome program for students is Embarq. It is a tool for help with homework that students can access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at mypubliclibrary.com. The “Answers 24/7” is an online reference service staffed by degreed librarians. It is a safe/secure website for students. The “Live Homework Help” is available 7 days a week from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. It is a 1-on-1 chat room format where students can type back and forth with a tutor. Informational flyer was distributed to parents.

- II. **LOOK OUT KIDS ABOUT** presentation by Brandyn Dente. “Look Out Kids About” is a non-profit organization that educates everyone about student safety (website: www.lookoutkidsabout.org). Discussion surrounding bike helmets, school crossings, flashing lights during exam time, and elementary school parking lot safety. Informational hand-out was given to parents describing the mission, background, and accomplishments of this coalition.

- III. **CELL PHONE POLICY (REVISED):** Dr. Denson discussed a systematic policy that might be implemented district-wide concerning student use of cell phones. A draft letter for parents was shared and Dr. Denson asked for parent input. Most parents wanted a stricter cell phone policy – not allowing cell phone use at all during the school day.

- IV. **BOARD UPDATES by Trustees Scow and Edwards:**
 - A. AZAC: the proposal for Coronado was removed. Proposals for elementary schools to relieve Lamping are going forth for public input on January 14, 2008 at Coronado High School (6:00 p.m.).
 - B. Calendaring Committee: Trustees Scow and Edwards served on this committee which reviewed existing policies for elementary school calendars (9-months and year-round).
 - C. Other: *the upcoming bond – will people consider raising taxes to support all elementary schools going to a 9 month calendar? Also, encouragement of parents to support the bond so that new schools can be build and the existing older schools modernized. On the January 10th meeting, there will be a presentation on the bond issue – discussion and funding. *Trustee Scow handed out a flyer for “Stomp Out Loud.” The cast and crew of this production are offering “student rhythm workshops” which is a new community outreach program for students in grades 3 – 8. There is NO COST for the students!

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MONTH’S MEETING ON JANUARY 10, 2008 (GREENSPUN JHS – 9:30 A.M.).

BEST WISHES FOR A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR!!!