

# Superintendent's Schools Parent Advisory Committee Meeting - Minutes

Wednesday, January 9, 2008  
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Del Sol HS Theater

## 1. Welcome and Introductions – Ms. Kelly Bucherie

- The meeting began with a welcome and introductions from Kelly Bucherie, Academic Manager, Superintendent's Schools.
- Select School Overview
  - Video
  - Presentation of Application Powerpoint

## 2. Select Schools and Application Process

- Ms. Bucherie spoke about providing students a wide variety of choice in public education through its Select Schools programs. In Select Schools, students develop their special talents while enhancing their learning capacities. Select Schools offer learning opportunities related to various themes for interested students.
- Ms. Bucherie spoke about the 2008-09 updated application (English and Spanish), which includes frequently asked questions, select schools program descriptions and single sheet application.
- Applying on-line at <http://magnetapp.ccsd.net>.
- Application must be returned by Monday, February 11, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

## 3. Speakers

- Valley High School - Jillyn Pendleton, Assistant Principal / Anthony Debbia, Teacher
  - Students are highly motivated, student leaders, role models and are immersed in community service.
  - International Baccalaureate (IB) is recognized world-wide by colleges and universities as the most rigorous high school curriculum available. The IB program is structured specifically as a four-year college preparatory program and students study all subject areas at an honors level.
- Walter Bracken Elementary School – Katie Decker, Principal
  - Science and math instruction are integrated throughout all subject areas. There are three science labs focused on earth science, life science, and physical science to enrich the curriculum and hands-on experience.
- Hyde Park Middle School – Tracy Viscosi, Dean of Students
  - Provides students with an integrated math and science curriculum with 80 minutes of math and 80 minutes of science (160 minute block).

## 4. Select School Opportunities – Dr. Karlene Lee, Associate Superintendent

- Focus areas, interest, viability, opportunities and community input within Select Schools. Smaller classroom sizes and longer school day with alignment in programs with real world experience. Partnerships/internships with businesses to step beyond school walls.

## 5. Discussion/Questions and Answers

- Passionate conversations about students needing to be invested in Select Schools. Discussion on rigor, bus transportation and uniform strategy for framework and grading practices.

## 6. Future Meeting

- The next Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting will be held on Thursday, February 7, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at Superintendent's Conference Room at 2832 E. Flamingo Road. TOPIC: National Trends in Education. You are cordially invited and encouraged to attend.