

Superintendent's Advisory Council
March 21, 2006 – 6:30 p.m.
Dunwoody Springs Charter School

Members present: James Wilson, Superintendent; Carolyn Carson, Alpharetta; Ann Duncan, Centennial; Kathy Theisen, Chattahoochee; Karen Lewis, Creekside; Sue Derene, Milton; Sally Hildebrant, Milton; Kathy Simcoe, North Springs; Jo Dills, Northview; Ann Bersson, Roswell; Muriel Hepburn, Westlake; Sue Guthrie, NFPTA Council; Michael Pittman, SFPTA Council

Guests: Shannon Patterson, Vice President of Legislation, NFPTA Council

Staff: Linda Almond, Secretary; Mitzi Edge, Liaison

Call to Order

Chair Ann Bersson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

FY07 Budget

Superintendent Wilson discussed the budget process and advised the group that present projections indicate an \$86 million shortage in next year's budget. He provided a handout that illustrated the system's anticipated revenue and expenditures. He stated that all programs and services are being reviewed to determine their value and that some programs would be scaled back or eliminated altogether. In addition, he said there would be personnel cuts in the central administration but at this time did not know how many.

The handout Mr. Wilson shared is on the system's web site and has been shared with all employees.

SPLOST III

At the March 9 work session, Mr. Wilson shared with the Board a draft of the SPLOST III plan. He told the group that the list of needed projects, to be paid for with SPLOST III funds, was being finalized and will be taken to the Board for approval as soon as possible. When the Board has approved, it will be placed on the web site.

The Atlanta, DeKalb, and Decatur school systems have agreed to go for SPLOST III with Fulton County. The vote would be in September 2006, or March 2007. Mr. Wilson talked about the last SPLOST campaign and how SAC members played an important part in getting the information out to our parents and community members and asked if they would be willing to help this time. After discussion, a motion was made by Sue Guthrie and seconded by Kathy Theisen, that the SAC would formally commit to support SPLOST III and would serve as the steering committee for The Citizens for SPLOST III committee. A vote was taken on the motion and passed unanimously. Officers for the committee were elected as follows:

Co Chairs - Sally Hildebrant and Sue Derene
Secretary - Michael Pittman
Treasurer - TBD

Sharing of Concerns

Roundtable discussions included tax liens legislation, programs that could be eliminated or scaled back, raising the millage rate, forensic audit results, and land for a new high school in north Fulton.

Change in May Meeting Date

Chair Ann Bersson advised the group that the May meeting date needed to be changed and gave three options for consideration. May 16 is the new date and the meeting will be held at the Administrative Center.

Ann also advised the members that will be rolling off this year to bring their replacements with them to the May meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

These minutes are approved as of April 13, 2006.