

Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council
February 21, 2008
Washington Middle School

A Summary
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Here's a quick summary of what happened at the previous PAC meeting. Underneath, you will find a "My take" on the situation as I believe it applies specifically to Beall Elementary School.

- **Identification of Drug Use** – Officer Jim Hott of the Cumberland Police gave a presentation on drug identification.
 - **My take:** The information was very extensive but I felt that this is something that would be more helpful to middle and high school parents. While it is important for parents of elementary-aged kids to be aware of the drug scene, I don't believe this is a major threat at Beall Elementary. You can view all the information presented (and much more) at the following website: www.notmykid.org
- **Harassment and Bullying** – Sheree Witt, a school psychologist with the Board of Education, gave a talk on the reporting procedures and protocol for reporting harassment and bullying in our county schools.
 - **My take:** Again, the information was very well presented and very extensive. In my opinion, the information would be most helpful to administrators, faculty and staff at Beall Elementary as to ensure that Beall is following the county's protocol for reporting. Again, the information would be much more helpful to middle school parents as the highest percentage of bullying takes place in middle school children—even more so than high school.
- **Discussion/Sign-up for FSU Intern Session** – Jen Kauffman, the PAC co-chair, invited parents to be involved in a forum to help FSU's teacher interns on Monday, February 25th.
 - **My take:** This is a great opportunity for parents of Beall Elementary to invest in future teachers. Personally, I have been involved in two of these forums and it has been a tremendous learning experience for the student-teachers. The forum is all about learning how to better maneuver Parent Conferences. Parents are given the opportunity to talk to small groups of student-teachers about parenting issues and how they can better communicate with other parents during this important time. If you would like to be involved in future sessions, please contact me 301.689.4664 or by e-mail: butch@newbeginningschurch.net
- **Next Meeting:** March 27th – Allegany High School

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<http://www.beallpto.org/pac/index.htm>