

PARENT INVOLVEMENT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES  
Minutes for December 6, 2012 meeting at Clemente H.S.

**Call to Order/Welcome:**

Victoria Bryant Chairperson call to order/welcome the meeting at 5:30 roll call, Ms. Ocasio, Ms. Bryant, Ms. Byrd, Mr. Hunter (came in at 5:39), Mr. Levy, Mr. Perez, Mr. Ramirez, Mr. Trujillo, Ms. Vazquez. Not present, Ms. Autman, Ms. Harris, Ms. Weathers, and Ms. Williams.

Approval of minutes, Mr. Trujillo motion Ms. Vazquez second the motion the minutes not passed due to summary of questions asked not summarized. Going forward summary of questions to be added to minutes. Mr. Trujillo motion with added request Ms. Bryant second, motion passed.

**Presentation:**

Mr. Chuck Swarski from CPS Department of Utilization gave a presentation on what the Commission on School Utilization job is and gave information on the process. Mr. Swarski mentioned the commission members will present various meetings throughout the city to collect information from parents, stake holders, communities which will then provide to the board with recommendations. The commission members involved are teachers, principals, parents, business leaders, community leaders, alderman's and religious leaders that are very involved in their communities. Mr. Swarski urged everyone to go to the meetings and voice our concerns to the Commission. The commission is independent of CPS. The schedule of meetings can be found on the Commission's website and the CPS main website.

**Phase I – Data**

Community meetings collect findings and the meeting notes will be posted on the Commission's website: [www.schoolutilization.com](http://www.schoolutilization.com). The link to the website can be found on the CPS website. ([www.cps.edu](http://www.cps.edu)).

The Commission is using the data found on the School Utilization list as the baseline information. The meetings are meant to gather data not contained on the school utilization list. For example, a school may have 200 students but seats for 500 which is reflected in the utilization numbers but what is not reflected is that there is clinic in the school, an autism program and a tutoring program all share the space. So while the school may only have 200 students all the classrooms are in use and the building is an important community gathering place. These are the things that numbers can't show, this is why everyone encouraged to go to the public meetings held by the commission.

**Questions:**

**Who elected commission members?**

The CEO elected the members because they are active in their communities.

**What data is being collected?**

Parents and community members speak at the meetings and there are presentations by CPS on the budget, Union and from experts giving information on the impact of school actions on communities, children, and families.

**How is CPS going to inform the parents and be transparent?**

The Commission will have the latest information in the website available to all parents and communities.

PIAB member addressed the PIAB board on what are we going to do to get parents involved in these meetings?