District Parental Advisory Council (DPAC)
Hemphill Library, 2301 W. Vandalia Rd, Greensboro, NC
April 9, 2008
11:00 – 1:00 PM
Summary

Present:

Stephanie Lemon- Alderman ES	Kimberly Johnson- Presenter/author
Donna Palmer- Allen MS	Dr. Don Hare- Executive Director
Belinda Sledge- Bluford ES	Kelly Hales- Director of Title I
Damon Williams- Frazier ES	Linda Mendenhall- Title I
Sarah Robinson-Gillespie Park ES	Kerrie Douglas-Title I
Glenda Collins- Montlieu ES	Pat Lamont- Title I
John Teleha-Parkview ES	Melcibeth Marrufo-Title I
Kristi Bryson-Rankin ES	Ronda Robb- Title I
Donna Williams- Rankin ES	
Megail Mebane- Washington ES	
Freida Harris- Wiley ES	

I. **Welcome and Introductions**

A. Kelly Hales welcomed everyone

B. She introduced NC children's author Kimberly P. Johnson

II. **Kimberly Johnson led a parent workshop that focused on "TEACH"**

Talk positive; make sure to say something positive to kids before they go to school in the morning. Example: "Believe in yourself"
Expect more; keep the standards high, tell your child what is expected from them and help them get there.
Accept the challenges; as parents, we are coaches and we must work to bring out the potential in our children.
Call the shots; empower the parents to know "they are the parent". We need to tell our children "You are either going to succeed or succeed, because failure is not an option". Parents you have to make sure that your child knows that work, responsibilities, and homework are not negotiable.
Have fun; play learning games with your children. One example of such a game is to collect all the socks without a match and use to teach word associations like big and large, fast and quick, beautiful and pretty, long and tall. For the K-2 grades, you can use color coordinated words in order to help them. Be creative with the ways to teach your child, you know them better than anybody else.

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III. **Raising Achievement and Closing Gaps Conference XII**

DPAC representatives: Stephanie Lemon (Alderman), Freida Harris (Wiley), Kristi Bryson (Rankin) and John C. Teleha (Parkview) shared their experience with the group and presented highlights from various sessions and features of the conference.

IV. **School Spotlights**

Belinda Sledge, Bluford Elementary representative, invited everybody to participate in the school carnival on May 31 from 11:00-3:00pm. There will be outdoor activities and music.

V. **District Updates –Kelly Hales**

All Title I school received their school allocations, and we have added 6 more schools for the 2008-2009 school year. Also, she reminded parent representatives that this is spring planning time for next year's Title I plan and encouraged parents to be involved in the planning process at their schools.

We will like to thank you all for coming to all the DPAC meetings and for the participation. We hope to see you next year.