

MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

I. Annual perception surveys to be administered in May

During the second week of May parents and students will have an opportunity to express their opinions on issues related to our school by completing perception surveys. The results of the surveys will be shared with the Board at their August meeting and communicated to our school community in early September. The survey results also provide Peacock staff with important data to be used at goal setting sessions.

II. Peacock's Fine Arts Festival and the musical, *Annie*

The annual Peacock Fine Arts Festival will be held at our school on Thursday, April 22, 2004 from 6-7:00 p.m. The evening features student generated projects prominently displayed throughout the building from each of the encore (fine arts) programs. The highlight of the evening will be a performance of Peacock's choir under the direction of Mr. Bryen Travis.

Later this month four performances of the musical, *Annie* will be staged involving students at Peacock. The performances have been scheduled for Thursday, April 29, Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1. All evening performance will be held at 7 pm with a dress rehearsal set for all students Friday at 1 pm.

III. Discipline & Medication Committee

The annual meeting of the Discipline & Medication Committee took place on Monday, March 22, 2004. The committee consisting of community members and District 10 staff and administration, met to review policies and procedures related to discipline and medication. The complete minutes of the meeting including a recommendation to the Board of Education accompanies this report.

IV. Parent Advisory Committee

The Peacock Parent Advisory Committee consisting of 16 parents and having met three times during the 2003-04 school year, has concluded its business. The committee created a list of nine critical issues reviewing the following topics.

1. Substance abuse and gang activities
2. Sexual harassment, student-to-student bullying and teasing, peer pressure and self esteem
3. Standardized assessment

4. Cultural awareness
5. School climate
6. Discipline
7. Mentoring of students
8. Summer school
9. TAG

The committee recommended that the Peacock administration provide additional parent forums to address items #1 and #2. Specifically, monthly Principal Coffees would be devoted to each topic offering parents an opportunity to hear from school, community, and regional resources such as our counselor, police, and mental health officials from agencies such as the YWCA and Alexian Brothers Hospital.

In addition, Dr. Tornatore spoke to the group regarding summer school options. She provided everyone with a packet of information detailing both local and regional remediation and enrichment summer school classes that will be offered this year.

