

numbers of high school students? Is the bottom of the birth rate occurring sooner in Montgomery County than it is elsewhere in the country?

2. Dr. Cronin asked to see kindergarten versus first grade enrollment. This had a relation to all-day kindergarten. If they could demonstrate they were down in enrollments because people were taking their children to private school or some other type of school, this might help when they took their budgets before the County Council.
3. In regard to middle schools, Dr. Shoenberg stated that those decisions were going to have some effect on school construction. They did not want to be caught in a situation where they add something only to find that when they changed grade configuration they had placed the construction in the wrong place. He asked that on November 6 they discuss some indication of what the variables were in each cluster.
4. Mrs. Praisner noted that some communities were concerned about road construction as it related to a specific school opening or to traffic problems. For example, Muncaster Mill Road was one concern. She asked that staff let the Board know the status of the road configurations as they related to the new school and also where they had safety questions related to schools.
5. Dr. Cronin asked if staff would point out situations where there could be difficulties when they moved to new area configuration. For example, special education or two clusters sharing a school.
6. Mrs. Praisner requested a new copy of the Walter Johnson cluster comments. Her copy was incomplete.
7. Mr. Ewing requested projections by school in the Blair cluster. He was concerned about space in this community to either add on to buildings or build new schools.
8. Mrs. Praisner requested information on the impact or effect of the Council's request that projects contain 10 percent alternative bid items. What complications might be associated with that, both in understanding with the community and whether the 10 percent was feasible?
9. Mrs. Praisner asked whether MCPS handicapped accessibility standards were in compliance with the U.S. Department of Education standards.
10. Mr. Goldensohn asked for information on numbers of houses in the pipeline for clusters from Wootton to Quince Orchard to Seneca Valley. He requested growth projections and whether parts of these areas were closed to development.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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