

We held our first committee meeting on October 5th, 2006. There were eight of us present at this meeting. Committee members shared a number of strategies that are being used at their various schools. Two of the schools represented began the three4me program this year. Every one present was very eager to see the end result of it. The family Learning night at Viers Mill E.S. was also discussed and would be tried. We discussed the various hinderances that stand in the way of parents participation in activities such as, having to prepare meals after a day at work, babysitting, transportation, language differences as well as cultural differences, intimidation and cliques.

We also discussed ways of having parents of middle school students be more involved. One suggestion was to meet them at the various dances and other activities that are organised for the students in the evenings. It was decided that each person would take something from the various strategies that was given that is appropriate for their community.

We realise that three months is not enough time to see results, but we all agreed that at their next meeting we would share what progress had been seen.