



A Report on the Community Meeting on the Future of Senn H.S. *Many Say – Move the Navy Academy Out of the Senn Building*

Some 150 people were at the community meeting on March 26 at Senn High School to discuss ways to enable Senn to have an even better quality school that would be known positively far and wide. Parents, students, teachers and a large number of other people from the community came together to express their opinions, thoughts, and visions for the future of the school. These were expressed in breakout groups of 10-15 each. Many exciting ideas were suggested.

One thought that came up again and again was that a barrier to further success in Senn development is the presence of the naval academy in the Senn building. In group after group, the military academy surfaced as a key factor that needs to be addressed and dealt with.

The wording written down by the facilitators to be included in a summation of the community meeting included –

--“If the naval academy is part of Senn going forward it is a contradiction to becoming a world class school.”

--“Evict the military.”

--“Stop expansion of the military on site. It takes up space/classrooms needed for Senn students.”

--“Encourage academic opportunities rather than ROTC.”

--“Get the naval academy out.”

--“No to the military academy.”

--“Remove the military academy.”

--“The military academy is causing low morale, crowding of Senn.”

--“Quitar la acadamy naval.”

This is an encouraging beginning of a new phase of the struggle to get the military academy out of the Senn building.

We must all do as much as we can on this issue.

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SMOD and the Merchants of Death

National peace and justice groups abound, and some of them have local chapters. In addition to numerous newsletters, the internet provides a plethora of groups and activities.

One new coalition, the National Network Against War Profiteers, recently held a strategic conference in Minneapolis. After a weekend of education and planning, 74 activists were arrested attempting to deliver a subpoena to Alliant Tech, which makes depleted uranium munitions. Using the documentary *Iraq for Sale* as a starting point, the group decided to create a central clearinghouse to coordinate actions against war profiteers. To learn more about the “Stop the Merchants of Death” campaign, visit www.warresisters.org/smod.

