

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Plum Center for Lifelong Learning
6815 Edsall Road
Springfield, Virginia 22151

September 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Herb Persil and roll was taken. Those in attendance were:

John Lim, At Large
Maria "Cetti" Mangano-Perry, Hunter Mill District
Kathleen McBride, Mason District
Ramona Morrow, At Large
Lois Passman, Vice-Chairperson, Mount Vernon District
Herbert Persil, Chairperson, At Large
Page Shelp, Dranesville District.

The following committee members were not in attendance:

Patricia Franck, Sully District
Indrit Haxhiu, Springfield District
Kathleen McDonald, Lee District.

Three committee positions are currently vacant:

Braddock District
Providence District
FCPS Student Representative.

Other staff from the Fairfax County Public Schools Administration in attendance were:

James Ginther
Sheryl Granzow
Ellen McCarthy
Teddi Predaris
Diane Pruner
Karin Williams
Teresa Zutter

Chairperson Herb Persil introduced and welcomed a new committee member, John Lim, member at-large nominated by FCPS School Board's member Ilryong Moon.

Kathleen McBride moved that the minutes of the June 2009 meeting be passed, seconded by Ramona Morrow. Passed.

Nomination and Election of Officers

Election to fill the Chairperson position: Herb Persil nominated Kathleen McBride to be in charge of this election. Kathleen McBride nominated Herb Persil to continue in the Chairperson position and moved to vote for this, seconded by Page Shelp. Herb Persil was elected to fill the Chairperson position for one more year. The vote was unanimous.

Election to fill the Vice-Chairperson position: Vote was unanimous to have Lois Passman continue in the Vice-Chairperson position for one more year.

Election to fill the Recording Secretary position: An Adult and Community Education employee will record the minutes for this meeting, Florinda Rosen, Administrative Assistant to James Ginther. With this help, the committee does not need to nominate a committee member as Recording Secretary.

Minutes of this committee's meetings will be posted to the ACE Advisory Committee webpage in the FCPS School Board website.

FCPS School Board Charge

Define the effect of the ACE reorganization on student achievement, family literacy, and course offerings that are responsive to consumer demand and workforce needs.

Organizational Overview of FCPS Reorganization

FCPS Administration staff showed a PowerPoint presentation on the recent FCPS reorganization:

Teddi Predaris - Director, Language Acquisition and Title I - FCPS Instructional Services Department

Diane Pruner - Director, Career, Fine Arts and Technology - FCPS Instructional Services Department

Karin Williams - Director, Operations and Strategic Planning - FCPS Instructional Services Department

Teresa Zutter - Director, Intervention and Prevention Services - FCPS Department of Special Services

James Ginther - Coordinator, Adult and Community Education - Office of Career, Fine Arts and Technology - FCPS Instructional Services Department

Ellen McCarthy - Coordinator, Nontraditional School Programs - Office of Intervention and Prevention Services - FCPS Department of Special Services.

Group discussion followed on student enrollment numbers for each program and grants amount for specific programs. Herb Persil and Lois Passman requested financial details for federal and state grants received by ACE in fiscal years 2007-08, 2008-09, and 2009-10. Karin Williams will prepare and submit to the committee some financial information as soon as possible.

Schedule of Meetings and Topics

Herb Persil encourages everyone in the committee to attend the events mentioned on the FY10 schedule of events:

- Plum Center Community Day on October 25, 2009
- "Harvest of Cultures" Festival at Woodson Adult High School in November 2009
- Career Development Programs graduation in July 2010
- Woodson Adult High School graduations in February 2010 and August 2010.

The committee needs to show our commitment to ACE and all ACE programs.

Brief Presentation

Sheryl Granzow, ACE Community Education Specialist, spoke of the need to get some funds for Riverside Elementary School in the Mount Vernon area. This school would like to offer two elementary enrichment programs designed by ACE. Other FCPS elementary schools are offering these programs, but needy students at Riverside cannot afford tuition for this sort of extracurricular program. A round table discussion followed, offering some ideas.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2009, at 5:30 p.m.

Ramona Morrow moved that the meeting be adjourned for the evening. Cetti Mangano seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.