MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Gatehouse Administration Center

Work Session No. 102/**Linkage** May 12, 2008

102.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting Manager Elizabeth T. Bradsher convened the meeting at 4:26 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield)
Brad Center (Lee)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)
Martina A. Hone (At Large)
Kaye Kory (Mason)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)
Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)
James L. Raney (At Large)
Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Daniel G. Storck (Mount Vernon)
Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack Dale; Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Pam Goddard; Deputy Executive Assistants and Deputy Clerks of the Board Pat Charbonneau and Linda Sabo; Executive Administrative Assistant Kathy Partlow; Assistant Superintendent for Department of Communications and Community Outreach (DCCO) Barbara Hunter; and certain other individuals. The Student Representative to the School Board James Rosenquist was absent.

DISCUSSION

102.02 Linkage (Exhibit A)

- Linkage committee chairman reported that study circles would be used to deliver Transportation Task Force (TTF) recommendations and to solicit feedback from the community; as discussed during the April 14, 2008 work session;
- study circle participation would be by invitation only; attempts would be made to include participants who had not contributed previously and would target families of low socio-economic, minority, and special education students;
- TTF final majority and minority reports would be translated for participants, if necessary;
- circles would be facilitated and recorded by DCCO staff members;
- meetings would not be open to the public; no more than one Board member, in an observer capacity only, would be allowed to attend a study circle session;
- concern for non-English speaking parents was expressed; DCCO will evaluate possibility of providing study circles in other languages, but staff believed that cultural diversity could be achieved with English speaking participants; and
- Board consensus to move forward with study circle implementation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.