

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

School Board Retreat No. 1

July 18 and 19, 2008

Friday, July 18, 2008

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax VA 22030

1.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Chairman Storck convened the meeting at 3:30 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield; ABSENT)
Brad Center (Lee; ABSENT)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill, ABSENT)
Martina A. Hone (At Large)
Kaye Kory (Mason)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)

Phillip A. 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 D. Dale, Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the School Board Pam Goddard; Deputy Executive Assistant and Deputy Clerk of the School Board Linda Sabo; Chief Operating Officer Dean Tistadt; Assistant Superintendent for Communications and Community Outreach Barbara Hunter; Linda Dawson and Randy Quinn of the Aspen Group; and Kathy Blackburn from Tregoe Education Forum, Inc. The Student Representative to the School Board Arvin Ahmadi was present.

DISCUSSION

1.02 Topics (Exhibit A)

- Presentation of the Tregoe collaborative decision-making analysis by Ms. Blackburn;
- Board members then used the Tregoe process to develop decision-making criteria for the boundary study that would be conducted in fall 2008 for two new elementary schools that were scheduled to be opened in September 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 19, 2008
Fairfax High School
George Stepp Library
3500 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax VA 22030

MEETING OPENING**1.01 Call to Order and Announcements**

Chairman Storck convened the meeting at 8:15 a.m. with the following Board members present:

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

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack D. Dale, Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the School Board Pam Goddard; Deputy Executive Assistant and Deputy Clerk of the School Board Linda Sabo; Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Peter Noonan; Assistant Superintendent for Professional Learning and Training Terri Breeden; Assistant Superintendent for Accountability Patrick Murphy; Assistant Superintendent for Communications and Community Outreach Barbara Hunter; and Linda Dawson and Randy Quinn of the Aspen Group. The Student Representative to the School Board Arvin Ahmadi was present (arr 1:30 p.m.)

DISCUSSION**1.02 Topics (Exhibit A)**

- Review of the governance process;
- staff presentation of methods to be used to address the minority student and special education student achievement gap;
- staff presentation on disaggregation of data and rationale for a three-year development period;
- review of the recent reorganization of the Department of Communications and Community Outreach;
- a strategic communications plan would be developed to provide broader outreach to the community based on research on the best way to communicate with families and to increase community understanding of the Board's roles and responsibilities;
- Linkage Committee would assess Board communications needs and provide feedback;
- discussion on the creation of an ad-hoc program review committee to conduct budget-related program reviews in September, October, and November;
- use of Board time in meetings was discussed, staff to provide an analysis of time spent in work sessions by topic from January to June 2008;

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- consensus that some presentations should be less lengthy in order to realign and focus the Board's work on student achievement.

The Board debriefed the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.