

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Gatehouse Administration Center

Work Session No. 33/Instruction

October 6, 2008

33.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting Manager Niedzielski-Eichner convened the meeting at 4:36 p.m. with the following Board members present:

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

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 Dale; Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Pam Goddard; Deputy Executive Assistant and Deputy Clerk of the Board Pat Charbonneau; Executive Administrative Assistant Joann Kinney; Cluster VIII Assistant Superintendent Betsy Goodman; South Lakes High School Principal Bruce Butler; and Advanced Academic Programs Educational Specialist Faye Brenner. The Student Representative to the School Board Arvin Ahmadi was present.

DISCUSSION

33.02 Academic Opportunities for South Lakes High School Students (Exhibit A)

- South Lakes High School (SLHS) and Langston Hughes Middle School had developed a plan to introduce families in the western part of Fairfax County to the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program; the SLHS PTSA had established an Advanced Academic Opportunity Advisory Group to examine advanced curricular opportunities offered in the SLHS pyramid;
- request for data that compared a similarly situated Advanced Placement (AP) high school (in terms of diversity and size) to SLHS to show the percentage of students who were able to participate in AP classes and AP programs; and
- Board members were invited to an IB Summit at Robinson SS on November 21 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.