

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Gatehouse Administration Center

Work Session No. 86/Linkage

March 9, 2009

86.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting Manager Center convened the meeting at 3:09 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 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; Executive Administrative Assistant Joann Kinney; Assistant Superintendent of Communications and Community Outreach Barbara Hunter; Assistant Superintendent of Accountability Pat Murphy; and Director of Program Evaluation Recardo Sockwell. The Student Representative to the School Board Arvin Ahmadi was absent.

DISCUSSION

86.02 Results of Online Survey Proposed Bell Schedule Change (Exhibit A)

- Gratitude was expressed to Department of Communications and Community Outreach and Department of Accountability staff members who worked so hard on this project;
- staff presented the results of the Proposed Bell Schedule online survey, which was intended to determine the level of support for the proposed bell schedule known as Iteration #3 throughout the FCPS community and to gather information about the potential or expected impact the proposed bell schedule would have on respondents;
- 94,129 respondents had submitted the survey and results were tabulated across four categories-students, parents, FCPS employees, and community/business members;
- survey responses to the proposed bell schedule change were registered as follows: students- 29.3% for the change and 70.7% against the change; parents-36.7% for the change and 62.8% against the change; FCPS staff-27.8% for the change and 72.2 % against the change; community/business members-22.2% for the change and 77.8% against the change;
- staff would provide follow-up with comparisons of 6th-12th grade respondents to the survey.

86.03 Results from the Community Dialogues on Proposed Changes to the FCPS Bell Schedule (Exhibit B)

- Staff presented results compiled from the seven community dialogues that were held across the county on February 24, 25, and 26, 2009, on the proposed bell schedule;
- 1,592 people had participated in the community dialogues; 18% were for and 76% were against adopting a bell schedule like proposed Iteration #3; 7% of the dialogue participants were unsure;
- request for staff to provide insights about later wake times gleaned from the online survey and community discussions.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.