

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Gatehouse Administration Center

Work Session No. 123/Forum on Board Topics

June 19, 2008

123.01 Call to Order

Chairman Storck convened the meeting at 5:34 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield; arr. 5:40)	Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence; arr. 5:53)
Brad Center (Lee)	James L. Raney (At Large)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Martina A. Hone (At Large; arr. 5:43)	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 Dale; Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Pam Goddard; Deputy Executive Assistants and Deputy Clerk of the Board Pat Charbonneau; and certain other individuals. The Student Representative to the School Board James Rosenquist was absent.

DISCUSSION

123.02 Forum Topics (Exhibit A)

School Board Member Profiles on the Web/Meet Your School Board (Storck)

- The Superintendent proposed that each Board member create a short video, with the assistance of the Department of Communications and Community Outreach staff, for display on the Board web site; and
- interested public could visit the site to learn more about the Board member.

Board Members and Back-to-School Night (BTSN) Messages (Storck)

- Discussion about Board members' roles at BTSN and methods for them to present to parents;
- focus at BTSN needed to be on parents and their students' teachers;
- consensus that each principal would determine the Board members' role at BTSN; and
- Superintendent and Chairman would co-sign a letter to principals with that message.

Feasibility of Board Members Having a Column in PTA/PTSA Newsletters (Wilson)

- Discussion about Board members asking PTA/PTSA presidents to distribute information through their e-mail distribution lists; and
- consensus that such requests would be at each Board member's discretion.

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IB Math Requirements (Hone/Storck)

- Concern that new students who attend South Lakes High School might not have the necessary course prerequisites for participation in the IB program; and
- clear communication by guidance services was necessary to ensure that families and students were aware of prerequisites.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.