

# MINUTES

## Fairfax County School Board

School Board Retreat No. 2

January 23, 2010

**Fairfax High School  
George Stepp Library  
3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax, VA 22030**

### 1.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Chairman Smith convened the meeting at 9:08 a.m. with the following members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield)	Patricia S. Reed (Providence)
Brad Center (Lee)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill; ABSENT)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)
Martina A. Hone (At Large; arr 9:13)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)
James L. Raney (At Large)	Vacant (Mason)

*[Clerk's note: Effective January 12, 2010, Mason district member Kaye Kory resigned; the seat will remain vacant until the March 2010 special election.]*

Also present were Superintendent Jack Dale; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Pam Goddard; Deputy Executive Assistants and Deputy Clerks Pat Charbonneau and Yvette Rhodes; Assistant Superintendent for Professional Learning and Accountability Terri Breeden; Assistant Superintendent for Special Services Kim Dockery; Cluster II Assistant Superintendent Phyllis Pajardo; and Principals Laraine Edwards, Stenwood ES, Douglas Tyson, Kilmer MS, and Jay Pearson, Marshall HS. Student Representative to the Board Shawn Ghuman was absent.

### 1.02 Discussion (Exhibit A)

- Report from three principals on the professional learning communities (PLC) at their schools and within their pyramid, how PLC was made part of the culture of the school, and how schools utilized PLC across the pyramid to support and strengthen each other;
- discussion of PLCs continued during lunch as Board members were joined by principals Amy Holleb, Twain MS; Brian Hull, Colin Powell ES; Carol Kihm, Longfellow MS; Jane Lipp, South County SS; Nardos King, Mount Vernon HS; Dave Thomas; Lake Braddock SS; and Dwayne Young, Centreville ES;
- discussion of how PLCs might be developed with non-school-based staff and departments;
- brief presentation of key issues and trends: Race to the Top grants; growth model and longitudinal data systems; on-line learning and textbooks in the 21<sup>st</sup> century;
- Board self-evaluated with respect to its strategic governance commitments.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.