

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Fairfax High School

School Board Retreat No. 2

November 6, 2010

1.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Vice Chairman Center convened the meeting on Saturday, November 6, at 9 a.m. with the following members present:

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

James L. Raney (At Large)
Patricia S. Reed (Providence)
Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)
Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were 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; Professional Learning and Accountability Assistant Superintendent Terri Breeden; Program Evaluation Director Recardo Sockwell; Lorton Station Elementary School Principal Joanne Jackson; and Sandburg Middle School Principal Terrence Yarborough. Student Representative Keegan Cotton was present.

DISCUSSION

1.02 Topics (Exhibit A)

Update on Priority Schools Initiative

- Review of a Priority Schools Initiative PowerPoint;
- discussion of specific strategies being implemented at Lorton Station Elementary School and Sandburg Middle Schools following principal turnaround training at UVA;
- reflective questions for discussion included: what were the policy implications; what types of data were needed for the School Board to make decisions; and what mechanics would be used to present the information to the public;
- consensus that, while the program was a three-year pilot, information on the methods used to designate future priority schools and to move schools out of PSI would be provided at a future work session.

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Board Self-Assessment

- Board members rated themselves and the Board on their focus on student achievement throughout recent School Board meetings;
- chart that showed time spent at regular meetings, work sessions, and joint meetings with the Board of Supervisors on student achievement, operations, and Board business was discussed;
- discussion on means to share Board issues with constituency;
- consensus that the Board's best discussions occurred when Board members were seated facing one another.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.