

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Fairfax High School

School Board Retreat No. 1

July 22, 2011

1.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Governance Committee Chairman Center convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield)	James L. Raney (At Large)
Brad Center (Lee)	Patricia S. Reed (Providence)
Sandra S. Evans (Mason)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon; arr: 1:05)
Martina A. Hone (At Large; ABSENT)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were Superintendent Jack Dale; Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Chief of Staff Christine Donohue; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Pam Goddard; Deputy Executive Assistants and Deputy Clerks of the Board Yvette Rhodes and Lizette Torres-Barthel; Assistant Superintendent of Professional Learning and Accountability Terri Breeden; and Assistant Superintendent of Cluster I Marty Smith. The Student Representative to the School Board Eugene Coleman was absent.

DISCUSSION

1.02 Topics (Exhibit A)

Education 2.0

- Facilitated discussion on the future of education and a Board understanding of its role to move the school system forward and engage stakeholders;
- viewed and discussed three video clips that demonstrated creative and innovative thinking skills and teaching methods; brainstormed, ranked, and clarified paradigm shifts of the most important issues to move the school system forward;
- consensus to schedule a future Board retreat to continue discussion on Education 2.0; utilize a Forum work session to identify major strategic issues facing the newly elected Board.

Pending Topics

- Utilization of School Board Citizen Advisory Committees
 - Discussion on Board utilization of the expertise and work of citizen advisory committees;
 - consensus that the chair and vice chair would work with the Superintendent to identify policy issues that resulted from advisory committee recommendations in the annual report.

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- Student/Teacher/Staff Workload Stress
 - Discussion on possible causes of teacher workload stress, including changing expectations and what was required to meet those expectations;
 - consensus to include on agenda for discussion of major strategic issues facing the newly-elected Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.