

**MINUTES**  
**Title I Parent Advisory Committee (TPAC)**  
**Gatehouse Administration Center; Room 2050/2051**

Executive Board Meeting No. 4  
January 14, 2020  
Citizen Advisory Committee

**1. MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was convened at 7:09 p.m. with the following Executive Board members present: *Mike Woltz, Chair (Belvedere); Nina Benghanem, Vice Chair (Timber Lane); Christina Robinson (Rose Hill); Josie Rivera (Bren Mar Park); Moses Cobb, Middle School Liaison (Holmes); and Heather Hale, Teacher Liaison (Weyanoke)*. FCPS staff included Leona Smith-Vance and Dr. Evonne DeNome, both from Office of Professional Learning and Family Engagement (OPLFE).

**2. DISCUSSION**

**Update on tracking Initiative discussed at November 12, 2019 meeting**

Since the two FCPS teachers presented to the Executive Board in November 2019, they have had several meetings with principals and Region Leadership to increase student access to advanced coursework and communication with parents about these opportunities. The stakeholders plan to do a walkthrough at Glasgow to gain a deeper understanding of how to better support students as they transition from elementary to middle school. The Executive Board identified middle school transition and communication with families as areas for the TPAC to focus on in the future.

**Debrief December General Session Meeting**

The Executive Board discussed the December General Session, noting the importance of classroom teachers setting high expectations for all of their students, regardless of the level of advanced academic services they were receiving. Board members felt that the roles of the AAP or AART teachers could have been explained in greater detail, but recognized that there was a great deal of information to be conveyed in a short time. For future meetings, it was suggested that TPAC members be asked to submit questions following the October meeting (first TPAC meeting of the school year) so that they can be addressed at the Advanced Academics meeting, which will customarily occur in December.

**Preliminary Outline of Annual Report**

The Board began discussing major concepts or takeaways from the first two full TPAC meetings in preparation of the Annual Report to the School Board. From the October meeting, which focused on the family engagement survey, the Board discussed ways to increase family access to technology for taking the survey and how schools could focus on improving those areas where they received the most negative feedback. From the December meeting, which focused on Advanced Academics, the Board discussed the importance of teachers receiving professional development around asset-based instruction of students, and more streamlined and refined communication to families about advanced learning opportunities.

**Finalizing January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting**

Lori Harkin-Huse and Dorine Wells will be facilitating the discussion following a screening of the film “Resilience” on Tuesday, January 21st.

**February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting preparation**

Jenna White, the Fairfax County Council PTA (FCCPTA) Representative to the Fairfax Trauma Informed Community Network (TICN) will present to the TPAC about the Trauma-Informed actions currently being taken in the county, as well as what additional efforts can be taken to benefit students in the most impactful ways.

**3. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. The next General Session will be on January 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM at Gatehouse Administrative Center, Cafe.