



LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Ad Hoc Committee on Special Education

Beth Huck, Chair

SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES

Thursday, August 16, 2018, 3:30 p.m.

Committee members and alternates present: Beth Huck, Chair; Debbie Rose, Board member; Brenda Sheridan, Board member; Asia Jones, assistant superintendent; Suzanne Jimenez, staff liaison; Beth Robinson, principal; Kirk Dolson, principal alternate; Heidi Smith, principal alternate; Lori Mercer, principal; Joy Engstrom, special education supervisor; Megan Wagner, special education supervisor alternate; Bridget Gorey, special education supervisor alternate; Deana Czaban, parent; Nicki McMahon, parent; Chris Croll, Gifted Services; Craig Metz, SEAC; Shehnaz Khan, SEAC; Lorraine Hightower, SEAC past-chair; Sharon Tropf, SEAC past-vice chair; Karen Berlin, BCBA

Absent: Doug Anderson, principal; Jill Pope, parent; VonEnde Coleman, MSAAC; Toni DeLuca Evans, special education supervisor alternate; Bridget Beichler, middle school principal alternate

- I. **Approval of Minutes.** The Committee reviewed minutes for the meeting held on June 28, 2018. The minutes were approved 3-1 with no revisions or additions.
- II. **Public Comment.** The public comment period was established for 10 minutes depending on the number of speakers. Members of the public are also invited to send questions or comments by email. Mrs. Huck is going to explore a public email for use for the group. There was also an announcement that the meeting would be recorded.

Mrs. Claudia Skinner. Mrs. Claudia Skinner commented on a parents' group that have compiled parents' issues. She referenced a document drafted by the parents' group, *LCPS Parents for Change*. She shared that the goal is possible actions to alleviate concerns/issues. Mrs. Skinner stated that the group hopes that the concerns/issues will be taken into consideration as they have invested months of research.

III. **Review of School Board Charge.**

The Board Charge was reviewed including the expectation of recommendations by November 30. Mrs. Huck clarified the role of alternates and shared that alternates should plan to attend each meeting and will only vote if the member they represent vacates their position and the alternate replaces the member.

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IV. Planned Activity: “Back to the Future” Protocol.

Dr. Jimenez provided an overview of the meeting schedule and norms. Dr. Jones led the activity introducing a protocol called “Futures Protocol”. The committee worked in small groups to generate what the desired “future” would look like if the concerns of the present were addressed. Each group developed a perspective using Post-it notes which would be summarized and distributed after the group. Each member conducted a gallery walk to review the Post-it note comments of other members.

V. Assignment of Tasks.

Dr. Jones shared that the information would be sent to committee members by August 22 with an assignment to prepare for the August 30 meeting.

VI. Reporting Rounds (30 seconds).

The meeting closed with each committee member sharing a reflection on the work, and Mrs. Huck gave a reminder of the date and time for the next meeting.

VII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.