



# LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

21000 Education Court  
Ashburn, VA 20148

Loudoun Education Alliance of Families (LEAF)  
Committee Meeting  
*Lauren Shernoff, Chair*

## PUBLIC MEETING NOTES

**March 18, 2024, 5:30 p.m.**

### **Board Members and Staff Present:**

Lauren Shernoff, Leesburg District; Joan Sahlgren, Dr. Christina Arpante, Dr. Aaron Spence, Dr. Ashley Ellis and Kimberly Goodlin

### **Committee Members Present:**

Ashburn District: Lori Bryant, Jessica Chalamalasetti, Mital Gandhi, Dena Kozanas and Bill Wright

Central Loudoun: Erin Brown, Cheri Colby, Colin Doniger, Nathan Hollenbach, Angelica Lunney, Nikki Maples-Reynolds, Karen Miller, Melanie Srivisal and Chris Woodruff

County-wide: Kate Davinroy (Alt) and David Jenkins

Dulles North: Julie Goodrich

Dulles South: Rob Clay, Kristina Donahue, Laurel Janardhan, Jeannette Mahood and Leah Macchiarolo

Eastern Loudoun: Kerry Kidwell, Amanda Massey (Alt), Hayley Stenger and Lydia Taylor

Western Loudoun: Sarah Dorosky and Kathy Summers

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Ashburn District: Candice Hillman, Kelly Lalumondier, Christen Miller, Payal Umbralkar, Lydia Sorenson, Akanksha Thakur and Kevin Travis

Central Loudoun: Hollie Fischer-McTiernan, Laura Karwoski and Sara Monteleone

County-wide: Ian Frame and Jennifer Johnson

Dulles North: Debasish Chowdhuri, Jewelyn Cosgrove, Erika Daly, Kate Gonzalez, Thais Jones, Jennifer Molina, Satish Narala, Fnu Nitika, Elisa Reinhardt and Justin Rowberry

Dulles South: Elissa McCarroll, Bradley McKinney, Doug Morford, Meredith Ray and Minjin Yuh

Eastern Loudoun: Melody Caprio, Rachel Coehlo, Deidre Gambrell, Ana Hussey, Anne Morgan, Abigail Pham, Kayce Pierce, Kelly Sanchez and Anneleah Williams-Bridges

Western Loudoun: Jennifer Del Grande, Jen Mecker, Kelly Michon, Abbie Platt and Leigh Scott

#### **1. Call to Order**

#### **2. Public Comment**

No public comments.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the February 12, 2024, LEAF meeting were approved unanimously with no revisions.

#### **4. Information Items**

- **School Board Update** – School Board Representative, Lauren Shernoff, Leesburg District, addressed the Alliance members. Ms. Shernoff provided an update on the work the School Board has been doing and information about upcoming committee meetings.

- **2024-25 Recruitment** – Information about LEAF recruitment for the 2024-2025 school year has been sent to the principals. The goal is 100% representation for LEAF receiving School Board approval by the end of June. As a reminder, the term of a representative is one calendar year and there isn't a limit as to how many years a member may serve.

Let your principal know if you want to remain your school's representative. Principals must submit names annually, whether the names are new or repeat. If you are unable to continue as the LEAF representative, please share this opportunity with your school's parent organization and school community to assist with recruitment.

The LEAF handbook outlines the Alliance members' roles and responsibilities, along with the bylaws and communication loop graphic that supports the importance of two-way communication between LEAF members and their school communities. Alliance members received a hardcopy of the handbook at the beginning of the year but it is also available online at [www.lcps.org/LEAF](http://www.lcps.org/LEAF).

- **Collaborative Conversation Activity** – The Alliance members participated in an activity where they could discuss, share productive feedback and help plan for the flow of responsive information to and from our communities.

This month's topics included:

- Dr. Ashley Ellis, Chief Academics Officer, shared information on tutoring. Through the Virginia Department of Education's All in VA plan, LCPS offers two (2) types of tutoring for LCPS students. For more information, visit [www.lcps.org/tutoringva](http://www.lcps.org/tutoringva).
- Dr. Aaron Spence, Superintendent, provided a division update and took questions from the Alliance members.

This activity produced great conversation and feedback for each presenter.

## 5. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** April 15, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.