



# LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

21000 Education Court  
Ashburn, VA 20148

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

## PUBLIC MEETING NOTES

**February 12, 2024, 5:30 p.m.**

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

Lauren Shernoff, Leesburg District; Joan Sahlgren, Dr. Christina Arpante, Jennifer Evans, John Clark, Jeff Rounsley and Kimberly Goodlin

### **Committee Members Present:**

Ashburn District: Lori Bryant, Jessica Chalamalasetti, Mital Gandhi, Candice Hillman, Dena Kozanas, Kelly Lalumondier, Payal Umbralkar and Bill Wright

Central Loudoun: Erin Brown, Cheri Colby, Colin Doniger, Hollie Fischer-McTiernan, Angelica Lunney, Nikki Maples-Reynolds, Sara Monteleone, Lauren Shernoff, Melanie Srivisal and Chris Woodruff

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

Dulles North: Erika Daly, Julie Goodrich and Thais Jones

Dulles South: Rob Clay, Kristina Donahue, Jeannette Mahood, Bradley McKinney, Meredith Ray and Lori Ann Terjesen (Alt)

Eastern Loudoun: Anne Morgan, Hayley Stenger and Lydia Taylor

Western Loudoun: Jen Mecker, Abbie Platt, Leigh Scott and Kathy Summers

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Ashburn District: Christen Miller, Lydia Sorenson, Akanksha Thakur and Kevin Travis

Central Loudoun: Nathan Hollenbach, Laura Karwoski and Karen Miller

County-wide: Ian Frame and Jennifer Johnson

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

Dulles South: Laurel Janardhan, Elissa McCarroll, Leah Macchiarolo, Doug Morford and Minjin Yuh

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

Western Loudoun: Jennifer Del Grande, Sarah Dorosky and Kelly Michon

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

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

No public comments.

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

The minutes for the November 20, 2023, 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 shared her background and provided an update on the work the School Board has been doing since they took office in January.

- **2023-24 Leadership Election** – The Alliance voted to fill two open positions on the LEAF Executive Board. The Vice Chair of Communications is Kathy Summers from Emerick Elementary School and Vice Chair of Membership is Mital Gandhi from Farmwell Station Middle School. Ms. Summers and Mr. Gandhi will finish out the current term of the LEAF Board this school year.
- **2024-24 Recruitment** – Erika Daly shared recruitment efforts for the School Board appointed LEAF membership for the 2024-2025 school year will begin in March. 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.

- **Website Feedback** – Members engaged in an interactive website design feedback session through ThoughtExchange. ThoughtExchange allowed the members to share thoughts independently and anonymously, as well as to rate the thoughts of others.
- **Collaborative Conversation Activity** – The Alliance members participated in Collaborative Conversations with staff subject matter experts on member-driven topics:
  - Jen Evans, Student Mental Health Services who shared information on fentanyl;
  - John Clark, Safety and Security who answered questions about safety in schools; and,
  - Jeff Rounsley, Teaching and Learning who took questions about the development of the Instructional Framework.

## 5. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** March 18, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.