



LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

21000 Education Court
Ashburn, VA 20148

SCHOOL BOARD

Loudoun Education Alliance of Families (LEAF) Committee Meeting

PUBLIC MEETING NOTES

August 21, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Board Members and Staff Present:

Erika Ogedegbe, Leesburg District; Joan Sahlgren; Christina Arpante; and Kim Goodlin

Committee Members Present:

Ashburn District: Jessica Chalamalasetti, Lydia Sorenson, Kevin Travis, Payal Umbralkar and Bill Wright

Central Loudoun: Cheri Colby, Sara Monteleone, Lauren Shernoff, Melanie Srivisal and Kendra Sveum

County-wide: Jennifer Johnson

Dulles North: Erika Daly and Elisa Reinhardt

Dulles South: Ginny Beers, Rob Clay, Kristina Donahue, Leah Macchiarolo, Jennette Mahood, Bradley McKinney, Doug Morford, Meredith Ray and Lori Ann Terjesen (Alt)

Eastern Loudoun: Kerry Kidwell, Amanda Massey (Alt), Anne Morgan, Fatima Naseeruddin and Lydia Taylor

Western Loudoun: Jennifer Del Grande and Sarah Dorosky

Committee Members Absent:

Ashburn District: Lori Bryant, Christen Miller and Lydia Sorenson

Central Loudoun: Nikki Maples-Reynolds and Karen Miller

County-wide: David Jenkins

Dulles North: Kate Gonzalez, Jennifer Molina, Satish Narala and Fnu Nitika

Eastern Loudoun: Melody Caprio, Rachel Coehlo, Deidre Gambrell, Natasha Kasuri Hashmi, Ana Hussey and Kelly Sanchez

Western Loudoun: Kelly Michon and Abbie Platt

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the May 15, 2023, LEAF meeting were approved with no revisions.

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Action Items

4.01 *Setting up Leadership Structure*: The group elected new officers which are listed below and have been added to the LEAF webpage at www.lcps.org/LEAF.

- **LEAF Chair**: Cheri Colby (Sycolin Creek ES, Central Loudoun District)
- **Vice-Chair of Planning**: Erika Daly (Eagle Ridge MS, Dulles North District)
- **Vice-Chair of Membership**: Ginny Beers (Buffalo Trail ES, Dulles North District)
- **Vice-Chair of Communications**: Lydia Taylor (Sterling ES, Eastern District)

4.02 Bylaws/*Charter Amendment to Article VII – Quorum Vote*: LEAF members voted to amend the definition of a quorum to be greater than or equal to **25%** of the voting members. The original language in the Bylaws defined a quorum of greater than or equal to 50% of the voting members.

5. Information Items

5.01 *Orientation for All New Members*: The Alliance members were provided an overview on the following:

- Policy Review Process: [LCPS policies](#) are reviewed every five years per the Code of Virginia [§ 22.1-253.13:7](#). During this process, the School Board has requested input from the advisory committees, stakeholder groups and the community. LEAF members will be notified of the feedback window and provided a link to the Feedback Form, understanding that feedback does not represent a guarantee that feedback will be included in the final policy. The School Board Committee will review all feedback as they develop policies for submission to the entire School Board. The authority for final approval of any policy lies solely with the Loudoun County School Board.
- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Review: Dan Adams, Acting Public Information Officer presented information on the FOIA process. The Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) is the state law governing access by citizens of Virginia and representatives of the media to public records and to meetings of public bodies.
 - A “public record” is any writing or recording, in any format, prepared or owned by, or in the possession of a public body or its officers, employees or agents in the transaction of public business.
 - VFOIA provides that, with some specific exemptions and exceptions, all meetings of public bodies shall be open to the public and all public records shall be open for public inspection. All public meetings and records are presumed open unless an exemption is properly invoked.
 - LEAF is subject to FOIA.

For more information, visit www.lcps.org/foia.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 18, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.