



LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

21000 Education Court
Ashburn, VA 20148

Loudoun Education Alliance of Families (LEAF)
Committee Meeting
Erika Ogedegbe, Chair

PUBLIC MEETING NOTES

November 20, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Board Members and Staff Present:

Erika Ogedegbe, Leesburg District (Absent); Joan Sahlgren and Christina Arpante

Committee Members Present:

Ashburn District: Lori Bryant, Jessica Chalamalasetti, Candice Hillman, Dena Kozanas, Kelly Lalumondier, Kevin Travis and Bill Wright

Central Loudoun: Colin Doniger, Hollie Fischer-McTiernan, Laura Karwoski, Nikki Maples-Reynolds, Karen Miller, Sara Monteleone, Lauren Shernoff and Melanie Srivisal

County-wide: Jennifer Johnson and David Jenkins

Dulles North: Erika Daly, Julie Goodrich and Thais Jones

Dulles South: Rob Clay, Kristina Donahue, Leah Macchiarolo, Jeannette Mahood, Doug Morford, Meredith Ray and Lori Ann Terjesen (Alt)

Eastern Loudoun: Kerry Kidwell, Anne Morgan, Hayley Stenger and Anneleah Williams-Bridges

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

Committee Members Absent:

Ashburn District: Mital Gandhi, Christen Miller, Lydia Sorenson, Akanksha Thakur and Payal Umbralkar

Central Loudoun: Erin Brown, Cheri Colby, Nathan Hollenbach, Angelica Lunney and Chris Woodruff

County-wide: Kate Davinroy (Alt) and Ian Frame

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 and Bradley McKinney

Eastern Loudoun: Melody Caprio, Rachel Coehlo, Deidre Gambrell, Ana Hussey, Amanda Massey (Alt), Abigail Pham, Kayce Pierce, Kelly Sanchez and Lydia Taylor

Western Loudoun: Jennifer Del Grande and Kelly Michon

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comment

No public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the October 16, 2023, LEAF meeting were approved unanimously with no revisions.

4. Information Items

- **School Board Update** – Erika Daly, vice-chair of planning, read an update provided by Mrs. Ogedegbe
 - Mrs. Ogedegbe is working with staff for the two committees she chairs (HRTD and Student Behavior and Accountability) to wrap things up for the year. No new policy reviews will begin until after the new board is sworn in; the committees will start

fresh in January.

- Items that may come to the full board over the next two meetings may include:
 - School boundary adjustments in Dulles South for Elementary schools and an abbreviated secondary school boundary adjustment in Western Loudoun;
 - Review and approval of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget;
 - Vote on Collective Bargaining Resolution on December 12. The draft will be discussed again in a special session of the L&P committee on Monday, November 27, and during the school board meeting on Tuesday, November 28.
- **Fentanyl Presentation/Discussion** – Jennifer Evans, Director for Student Mental Health Services gave a presentation to the Alliance members that included important information about: (**See the presentation on the LEAF website for more details and links to helpful resources.*)
 - Common challenges for teens differ from their parents in academics and focus on college, academic pathways and GPAs, the access to and shared information on social media.
 - 49% of adolescents experience a mental health challenge;
 - Symptoms of mental health struggles often mirror the effects of substance usage.
 - E-cigarettes, Vapes and Edibles
 - 24.8% of high schools have tried e-cigarettes and vapes;
 - 16.5% of high school students currently use e-cigarettes and vapes.
 - Fentanyl
 - Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 50 to 100 times more potent than heroin or morphine;
 - Experts consider 2 mg of Fentanyl to be lethal, but many counterfeit pills contain up to 5 mg (more than twice the lethal dose)
 - Symptoms/Signs of Opioid Overdose:
 - ✓ Pinpoint (small) pupils
 - ✓ Shallow or no breathing
 - ✓ Blue or grayish lips/fingernails
 - ✓ No response to stimulus (i.e., being pinched)
 - ✓ Gurgling/heavy wheezing or snoring sound
- ❖ Alliance Members Action: Question LEAF can bring back to their communities/PTAs/School Administration: How can we reach more – that prompt attendance, action and engagement?

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.