



SUPERINTENDENT'S PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

November 11, 2010

Minutes

Present:

Joe Eskridge, Bedford Hills Elementary School; Kelly Nylund, Paul Munro Elementary School; Cindy Morse, Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School for Innovation; Jim Martin, Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School for Innovation; Mari Smallshaw, Sandusky Elementary School; Tara Morgan, William Marvin Bass Elementary School; Ron Banks, Linkhorne Middle School; Michelle White, Heritage Elementary School; Tyler Potter, Bedford Hills Elementary School; Pamela Robinson, Heritage Elementary School; Jacqueline Britton, Linkhorne Elementary School; Rachel Mitchell, Robert S. Payne Elementary School; Cecil Jackson, E. C. Glass High School; Margi Vaughn, E. C. Glass High School; Lisa Hames, Linkhorne Middle School; Mary Driskill, Paul Munro Elementary School; Melissa Caruso Early, Sandusky Middle School; Paul McKendrick, Superintendent; Wendie Sullivan, Recording Secretary

The Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council met in the Board Room at the School Administration Building beginning at 7:01 p.m. Dr. McKendrick opened the meeting. He informed the committee that if school is closed due to inclement weather on a day when a parent advisory meeting is scheduled, there will be no meeting. Further, meetings will be cancelled if there are no questions submitted for a meeting. Questions should be submitted at least two days prior to a meeting. No new questions will be accepted during the meeting. Questions regarding personal matters should not be submitted. If there are personal matters a member wishes to discuss with the superintendent, that person should call Dr. McKendrick's office and schedule an appointment.

Dr. McKendrick stated that members of the committee might be asked to provide their support through attending public budget forums conducted by the Lynchburg City Council. The city council recently held budget meetings for each ward within the city. The last budget meeting will occur on November 15, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at Linkhorne Middle School. This budget meeting is for Ward IV, but all city residents are welcome to attend. During the development of the school operating budget for 2011-12, the school board will also conduct public budget hearings. One of those hearings will occur in December. Two hearing are scheduled for January, and an addition budget hearing is scheduled for March. Dates and times for those hearings have not yet been established. The city council will also conduct a public budget hearing in April, and committee members were urged to attend.

Dr. McKendrick reviewed the school operating budget calendar for 2010-11. This calendar will be used by the school board to help in the development of its operating budget for 2011-12. Some of the items to be discussed this year are additional positions for English as a Second Language, raises for staff, and the possible addition of a social worker position. The school calendar for 2011-12 will also be an item of discussion during the budget development process.

Heritage High School Community Meetings

The Lynchburg City Council will conduct several community meetings regarding the future of secondary education in the city, specifically, the possible renovation and/or construction of Heritage High School. The meetings have been scheduled as follows:

December 6, 2010 – Heritage High School

December 8, 2010 – Linkhorne Middle School

December 15, 2010 – Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School for Innovation

Each of the meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.

School Attendance Zones

A member of the committee asked questions regarding the school board's decision to conduct a study of school attendance zones within the city. Dr. McKendrick explained that the school board had discussed this topic during its annual retreat and determined that it would be beneficial to hire a consultant to conduct this study. The consultant will gather the necessary data and provide recommendations to the school board that will adhere to the legal responsibilities with the desegregation order mandated by the federal government in 1970.

Lunch Periods

Parents raised concerns about the limited time students have to eat lunch. Dr. McKendrick will speak with Mrs. Meryl T. Smith, supervisor of school nutrition, to gather information about this item will forward it to committee members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

The next Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council meeting will occur on February 24, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the School Administration Building.