



## SUPERINTENDENT'S PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 21, 2010

Minutes

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### Present:

Nels Erickson, Perrymont Elementary School; Trisha Manning, Thomas C. Miller Elementary School for Innovation; Cindy Morse, Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School for Innovation; Debbie McCarthy, Robert S. Payne Elementary School; Rachel Mitchell, Robert S. Payne Elementary School; Connie Pittman, Heritage High School; Malia King, Sheffield Elementary School; Pamela Robinson, Heritage Elementary School; Jacqueline Britton, Linkhorne Elementary School; Christie Rapp, Heritage High School; Kelly Nylund, Paul Munro Elementary School; Mary Driskill, Paul Munro Elementary School; Melissa Early, Sandusky Middle School; Ada Everhart, Sheffield Elementary 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 7:00 p.m. Dr. McKendrick opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their participation on the council. He stated that the meetings will usually last one hour, and topics for discussion should be sent to Wendie Sullivan at [sullivanwl@lcsedu.net](mailto:sullivanwl@lcsedu.net) or by call her at 522-3700, ext. 101 at least two days prior to the meeting.

The following topics were discussed during the meeting.

- 1. In January 2010, the Virginia Department of Education released *Guidelines for Recycling Materials in Public Schools*. These guidelines recommend that the program be run by the district not individual schools. I would like to have a discussion as to where LCS stands on these recommendations.**

The school administration had investigated the possibility of implementing a division-wide recycling program but was unable to do so because of associated start-up costs. Dr. McKendrick provided information regarding items that are recycled each year and include: cardboard, used motor oil, tires, batteries, brake drums and shoes, scrap metal, electronics, fluorescent tubes and ballasts, and wood wastes. These items are recycled by the Department of Facilities and Transportation. Many schools have established recycling programs and/or have partnered with organizations. The city of Lynchburg has provided several schools with recycling bins and pick-up services, and the funds generated from collections are returned to the schools by the city. Other schools use groups like

Recycle Easy, AVADA, and Staples to collect recyclables that generate funds for the schools.

The school division has implemented a division-wide energy savings program that saved the school division more than \$300,000 and received an award from the Virginia School Boards Association.

## **2. Length of the School Day**

Parents questioned if the length of the school day would continue for the next school year. Dr. McKendrick stated that the school calendar and the length of the school day for this school year were developed and implemented in order to cut operating costs. He is hopeful that the school calendar and the school day will revert to their original form next year.

## **3. Disparity in School Population**

During the school board retreat, the school board received information from a consulting firm about the process and procedures for changing current school attendance zones. Prior to contracting with a firm that will provide these services, a request for proposals will need to be advertised. Should the school board decide to move forward with changes to school attendance zones, public forums would be conducted in order for parents to provide input. This process would take more than two years to complete.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

**The next Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council meeting will occur on November 11, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the School Administration Building.**