I. Approval of Minutes. The Committee reviewed minutes for the special meeting held on October 11, 2018. The minutes were approved 2-0-1 (Huck absent for the vote) with no revisions or additions.

II. Public Comment. None.

III. Policy Revision/Restructure. In accordance with LCPS Strategic Plan – Goal 3 Topic: School Board Policies, the School Board is on track with the 4-year review cycle (attached to the Agenda as Attachment 1) as follows:

- FY16/17 – Review/revision of Chapters 2, 3, 4, 7 are nearly completed; and
- FY18/19 – Review/revision of Chapters 6, 8, 5 are presently making their way through committees and should be nearly completed by the end of the fiscal year.

ACTION: None. Discussion item only

IV. County of Loudoun Proposal Item: Legislation Regarding Vehicles Issued LCPS Parking Permits. At the October 2nd meeting, the Committee requested that the Department of Digital Innovation (DDI) research the development of an electronic standardized process between all schools and what the impact would be for staff. Discussion points as follows:

- Mr. Scheivert, Assistant Superintendent for the Department of Digital Innovation, provided the following information:
  - Student vehicle information is not currently tracked through the student information system.
  - DDI polled several schools asking them to provide their forms they use to collect the information in order to issue student parking permits.
  - Nine high schools provided information to DDI and the common factor of information collected are the color of the car and the license plate number.
  - None of the high schools collected the VIN number, title or registration information, or owner information of the vehicle. Only about half of the schools keep this information electronically, the others keep paper copies only.
  - In order for DDI staff to develop an electronic standardized process it is estimated that it would take approximately 8 to 10 weeks. It would be a significant endeavor for staff to develop an application for this process.
  - Concern was also expressed that if a central office application was created it would serve all 16 high schools and then additional staff time would continually be needed to collect the payments and then allocate payments to each individual school.
Doreen Dilly, the Deputy of Personal Property in the Commission of Revenues office, was asked what the County would need in terms of data. She stated the state and license plate number of the vehicle would be sufficient in terms of data needed, but being supplied a name and address would help immensely.

With the recent change to the law, a parent must now opt-in to the releasing of student information to a third party. Therefore, in order for information to be shared with County staff a parent must give their permission in writing. The Committee discussed that if the student’s vehicle was not registered properly, it would be very unlikely that the parent would give permission to release the requested information to the County Treasurer.

The Committee agreed that the best course of action would be for the County to develop a legislative program change request in terms of being able to collect and release student information for the purposes of facilitating the collection of tax revenue without parents having to opt-in; and at that time, the School Board will discuss their endorsement of the legislative change.

In the meantime, the Committee suggested that staff start streamlining this process in collecting the requested data since it would serve our division’s interest.

**ACTION:** The consensus of the Committee would be for the County to seek a legislative change to obtain the requested information.

**V. 2019 Legislative Program.**

1. **Clarify and Reorganize Committee Voted on Positions and Position Statements.** For a better understanding of the Legislative Program, the Committee requested staff revise the document that will be presented to the full School Board at their next meeting as an Action Item (attached to the Agenda as Attachment 2) as follows:
   - Take out all of the extraneous information other than the position voted on by the Committee;
   - Reorganize into headings as follows: (1) Legislative Positions; (2) Legislative Action Items; and (3) Previous Positions to be Omitted from the 2019 Legislative Program.
   - Make technical and conforming changes so that the terminology in each position is consistent (i.e. supports changes/opposes changes).
   - Staff reworded Position 5 to further highlight the bigger problem of overhauling the state public education funding model. The Committee requested that we also highlight “removing mental health positions from under the SOQ support position cap”.
   - The Committee discussed that it would be a good idea at the Legislative Breakfast if each committee member present an important position (top 3) and highlight it to the delegation so that there is a more controlled conversation.

2. **Potential Request for Attorney General Opinion on Conflict of Interest.** At the request of the Committee, Mr. DeVita drafted a sample letter that could be used to request an Attorney General Opinion Letter on the Conflict of Interest Position 7 (attached to Agenda as Attachment 3). The Committee has requested that this item be attached to the Action Item so that a motion can be made as an amendment to the base motion of the Legislative Program.
3. Further Discussion on Religious Exemptions. The Committee reviewed research requested at the last committee meeting (attached to the Agenda as Attachment 4). Mr. Hornberger along with Mr. Marshall crafted a revised Position 12 related to religious exemptions as follows: “Supports legislative changes to the Virginia Code § 22.1-254(B)(1) related to religious exemption from compulsory public school attendance to require that a child be guaranteed the fundamental right to an education by his or her parent or legal guardian, in compliance with Article VIII of the Constitution of Virginia, through an alternative public, private, parochial and/or approved home instruction setting.”

Discussion points:

- There is a loophole in the law that potentially allows a child to not get an education at all.
- Virginia is one in four states that has an explicit religious exemption portion of our legislation, but Virginia is the only state that does not require the child to be educated.
- The research shows that the Loudoun County numbers for religious exemptions are very low, but the statewide numbers for religious exemptions are substantial and concerns were voiced that this may not get any traction and could be viewed as taking away a religious freedom.

**ACTION:** The Committee voted 3-0 to reorganize the Legislative Positions as stated above in this Section V and to also allow Mrs. Sheridan to work with staff to make technical and conforming changes to make the position language consistent throughout the document. The Committee voted 3-0 to revise the language of Positions 5 and 12. The Committee voted 3-0 to seek an Attorney General Opinion on Position 7 concerning disclosures.

**VI. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.