I. Approval of Minutes. The Committee reviewed minutes for the meeting held on February 7th. The minutes were approved 2-0-0-1 (Hornberger absent) with no revisions or additions.

II. Public Comment. None.

III. Policy Restructure/Review. The Chair led a discussion on policy restructure/review.

1. Policy 2-17 – Committee to Suggest Names for School Buildings. The Chair led a discussion:
   - At the last regular School Board meeting, Mr. Marshall requested that the L&P Committee review his proposed change to this policy which pre-empts the appointment of a Naming Committee to suggest names to honor a recently deceased individual who has had a positive impact on LCPS.
   - During the policy review cycle, it was determined that this policy will be moved to a different section in the policy manual and that the Student and Support Services Committee will be responsible for review.
   - The L&P Committee will make a recommendation on Mr. Marshall’s proposed language and direct that it be forwarded to the Student and Support Services Committee for further review.
   - Mr. Marshall stated that he has heard past practices when naming a school that an individual with a historical background would need to be deceased for 3 years in order to be eligible for the Naming Committee to consider. That language is not in the policy, but merely a staff practice.
   - Mrs. Sheridan feels that if a School Board member attended a meeting with a naming suggestion that could possibly cause undue influence upon the Naming Committee.
   - Mrs. Huck feels the Naming Committee is a good outreach to the community and that we should continually engage the community to seek their input.
   - The School Board already has the authority to override the Naming Committee’s recommendation without pre-empting the appointment of a Naming Committee.
   - The Committee requested that the staff stricken out language be added back into the policy and also to add the words “Loudoun County Public Schools” to that sentence.
   - The consensus of the Committee was to strike Mr. Marshall’s proposed language since current policy language does not state a time limit for a deceased individual and since the School Board already has the ability to override a Naming Committee recommendation.

ACTION: The Committee moved to send the Committee amended policy to the Student and Support Services Committee for further review and consideration.
2. **Update on Policy Review Cycle.** Staff is on track with its Strategic Action Plan in connection with New Section 1000, Section 2000 (94% completed), Section 3000 (85% completed), Section 4000 (87% completed), and Section 7000 (65% completed). Flexibility has been built into the Strategic Action Plan for additional staff research, transferring policies to other sections, court decisions, and other complexities that may arise.

V. **General Assembly Activities.**

A. **Update.** The General Assembly has ended its regular session and the Governor has all of the bills that have made it through both houses on his desk. The General Assembly has an opportunity to override any vetoes the Governor signs on April 5th. Governor’s deadline for vetoes is March 27th. Dr. Richards highlighted the following bills:

**HB 1498** – Delegate Jim LeMunyon (R-67) School boards; assignment of teachers; class size limits. Reduces from 29 to 28 the maximum class size in kindergarten; 30 to 28 the maximum class size in grades one, two and three; and from 35 to 29 the maximum class size in grades four, five and six. *The bill died in Appropriations.*

**HB 1534/SB 995** – Delegate Richard Bell (R-20) and Senator Bill Stanley (R-20) Student discipline; long term suspension. Reduces the maximum length of a long-term suspension from 364 calendar days to 45 school days. *The bill died in the House Education Committee.*

**HB 1535/SB 996** – Delegate Richard Bell (R-20) and Senator Bill Stanley (R–20) Public schools; school discipline. Provides that no student shall receive a long-term suspension or expulsion for disruptive behavior unless such behavior involves intentional physical injury or credible threat of physical injury to another person. *The bill was laid on the Table.*

**HB 1561** – Delegate Paul Krizek (D–44) Public school buses; seat belts. Requires the Board of Education to make regulations to require each new public school bus purchased for the transportation of students to be equipped with a seat belt in every seat by July 1, 2027. *The bill was laid on the Table.*

**HB 1578 (Tebow)** - Delegate Robert Bell (R–58) Students who receive home instruction; participation in interscholastic programs. Prohibits public schools from joining an organization governing interscholastic programs that does not deem eligible for participation a student who receives home instruction. *The bill was vetoed by the Governor.*

**HB 1605** – Delegate David LaRock (R-33) Parental Choice Education Savings Accounts established. Permits the parent of a public preschool, elementary or secondary school student to apply to the school division in which the student resides for a one-year renewable Parental Choice Education Savings Account that consists of an amount that is equivalent to a certain percentage of all applicable annual Standards of Quality per pupil state funds appropriated for public school purposes and apportioned to the resident school division in which the student resides. (Opposed by the School Board last year) *The bill passed the Senate.*

**HB 1612** – Delegate Bob Marshall (R-13) Physical Privacy Act. Requires that a government entity provide for members of the opposite sex separate restrooms and other facilities in a building owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the entity. *The bill was laid on the Table.*

**HB 1663** – Delegate Tag Greason (R–32) Establishment of Computer Sciences for all Virginia Students Advisory Committee and Computer Science for all Virginia students public-private partnership. Declares Code VA
Inc. to be the Computer Science for all Virginia Students public-private partnership and requires the public-private partnership to establish and administer the Computer Science for All Virginia Students Initiative. Senate passed a substituted bill.

HB 1757 – Delegate Mark Dudenhefer (R-2) School personnel; staffing ratios; school nurses. Requires each school board to employ at least one full-time equivalent school nurse position in each elementary, middle and high school and at least one full-time equivalent school nurse position per 1,000 students in grades K – 12. The bill was laid on the Table in Appropriations.

HB 1805 – Delegate John Bell (D-87) Certain school division plan to fund and phase in full-day kindergarten. Requires each local school board that does not offer full-day kindergarten program for each kindergarten student in the school division to develop a plan to fund and phase in a plan in advance of the 2018 General Assembly session. The bill was laid on the Table in Appropriations.

HB 1983 – Delegate Tag Greason (R-32) School Calendar Year; the legislation allows divisions to begin the school year prior to Labor Day. The bill was passed by indefinitely.

HB 2140 – Delegate LeMunyon (R-67) Teacher turnover; exit questionnaire. The Governor approved the bill and it becomes law July 1, 2017.

HB 2142 – Delegate LeMunyon (R-67) Redesigned high school graduation requirements; implementation; one year delay. Delays requirements of Chapter 750 for one year. The bill was stricken at the request of the patron.

HB 2218 – Delegate Miyares (D-82) Public charter school applications and charter agreements; Permits the Board to remand to a school board for further consideration any denied public charter school application or revoked or non-renewed charter agreement in any school division in which at least half of the schools receive funding pursuant to Title I. The bill was sent to the Governor for his consideration.

HB 2341 – Delegate Landes (R-25) Board of Education; requires at least two of the nine members of the Board of Education to represent business and industry in the Commonwealth. The bill was sent to the Governor for his consideration.

HB 2355 – Delegate Pogge (R-96) Students receiving home instruction; Requires school boards to make Advanced Placement and Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test examinations available to students receiving home instruction. The bill was sent to the Governor for his consideration.

HB 2395 – Delegate Cline (R-24) Public Schools; dyslexia advisor. Requires one reading specialist employed by each local school board to have training in the identification of and the appropriate interventions and teaching techniques for students with dyslexia. The bill passed.

HJ 634 – Delegate Mark Cole (R-88) Authority of School Boards to impose taxes; provides that the General Assembly may authorize any elected school board to impose real property taxes. The bill was laid on the table.

SB 829 – Senator Jennifer Wexton (D-33) Public schools; suspensions. Directs the Board of Education to establish guidelines for alternatives to short-term and long-term suspension for consideration by local school boards. The bill was sent to the Governor for his consideration.
SB 1015 – Senator George Barker (D – 39) Public Schools; kindergarten instructional time. Increases from 540 hours to 990 hours the minimum instructional hours in a school year for kindergarten students effective July 1, 2019.  
*The bill died.*

SB 1117 – Senator McPike (D-29) School Counselors; Requires every person seeking initial licensure or renewal with an endorsement as a school counselor to complete training in the recognition of mental health disorder and behavioral distress.  
*The bill passed.*

SB 1243 – Senator Dunnavant (R-12) Parental Choice Education Savings Accounts; Permits the parent of a public school student to apply to the school division for a one year renewable Parental Choice Savings Account that consists of an amount equal to a certain percentage of all applicable annual Standards of Quality per pupil state funds appropriated for public school purposes and other provisions.  
(Opposed by the School Board)  
*The Senate defeated the amended bill.*

SB 1283 – Senator Obenshain (R-26) Public Schools; regional charter school division. Authorizes the Board of Education to establish regional charter school divisions consisting of two or more existing school divisions in regions in which one or more of the underlying school division have enrollment of more than 3,000 students and one or more that have accreditation denied status for two out of the past three years.  
*The House passed the bill.*

SB 1517 – Senator Black (R-13) School transportation; fees. Authorizes a school board to charge a reasonable fee when it provides transportation to pupils who attend school outside the school division, to each pupil utilizing such transportation. Excludes pupils who are unable to pay including free and reduced lunch recipients.  
(Proposed by Eric Hornberger)  
*The bill was defeated in the Senate.*

SJ 240/HJ 629 – Senator Mark Obenshain (R-26) and Delegate Rob Bell (R – 58) Constitutional amendment (first resolution); charter schools. Grants the Board of Education authority to establish charter schools within the school divisions of the Commonwealth.  
*Patron struck his bill.*

**ACTION:** None - discussion item only.

**VI. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.