

Blue Ridge Middle School (BRMS)
 Heterogeneous Grouping Steering Committee
 Meeting Minutes



Date: January 11, 2013

We believe the purpose of implementing heterogeneous class methodologies in English 8 is to produce increased levels of achievement for all learners and enhance the positive climate of English 8 classrooms at Blue Ridge Middle School.

Members present: Matt Bolen, BRMS Assistant Principal - Chairman; Brion Bell, BRMS Principal; Karin Nixon, BRMS 7th Grade Dean; Allyson White, BRMS 8th Grade English Teacher/Subject Area Lead Teacher (SALT); Pat Kinney, PhD., Consultant, former Adjunct Professor at the University of Maryland and former Director of the National Child Care Center; and Theresa Rosette, BRMS Parent and current PTO President.

Agenda Item:	Notes:
Community Questions & Comments	No concerns have been brought forth to the committee since the previous meeting.
Review of Responses to Community Questions	<p>The 8th grade English department drafted responses to community questions and comments during their recent meeting. The committee provided input to these responses to include clarification of text, expansion of answers and inserting links to websites for further information. Once vetted by the committee, responses will be posted to the website.</p> <p>At the next meeting, the committee will review the remaining questions along with a LVHS sample 9th Grade Honors writing assignment and rubric.</p>
Next Meeting Date	Tentatively 6 th block during the last two weeks of February. Mr. Bolen will send out a final date.