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Ad Hoc Committee Meeting -- Academies of Loudoun

MINUTES

Thursday, November 12, 2015

Committee Members Present: Jeff Morse, Bill Fox, Eric Hornberger (late arrival)

Other Board Members and Staff: Tim Flynn, Cynthia Ambrose, Kevin Lewis, James Dallas, Shirley Bazdar, Odette Scovel, Ray Singletary, Jennifer Chang, Nereida Gonzalez, Neil Slevin, George Wolfe, Wayde Tetsuka, Gary Van Alstyne, Joy Maloney, Suyi Chuang, Wagner Grier, Lhe Smith

Meeting called to order at 5:08 p.m. by Jeff Morse on behalf of Chairman Hornberger, who arrived shortly thereafter.

- I. **Approval of Minutes.** No quorum. The committee will review the minutes next meeting.
 - No Public Comment.
- II. **Facilities Planning Update:**
 - Kevin Lewis, LCPS Assistant Superintendent of Support Services, presented a Power Point with updates for AOL.
 - Working with several Departments of LCPS including facilities about electrical, water, plumbing, and -Food Services to coordinate delivery of food to students, construction services and AIT/AV. Going through each space trying to finalize the floor plans
 - Awarded a contract for Construction Management of Risk-Contract is on board and is helping LCPS with the design process. Working as a consultant to the architects and engineers as to what materials are best to use, availability, etc. Included in the contract is the Design assist for subcontractors in which they will bring their own electricians, mechanical, plumbing and concrete sub. The structure of this building is concrete as opposed to steel.
 - Mr. Lewis stated they are very pleased to work with this contractor since they were the only ones to give a real cost verification.
 - Preliminary schedule of the construction is as follows:
 - Early February-start moving dirt, cutting trees
 - Begin concrete in June/July
 - Super structure ready by January 2018 and ready for Fall opening date

- Ground Breaking ceremony date TBD-Board suggested to establish a date.
- Jeff Morse asked about how services such as water, sewer, power; will be brought to construction site. Water and sewer are adjacent to the site, mapped out and working with NOVEC on selecting route to bring services. Narrowed it to one which will deal with businesses as opposed to home/land owners. Board asked for updates on progress. Contractor, architect and engineer are still working on materials selections and costs. Will report back with selection of materials.

III. AET Curriculum Update

- Information was gathered from members of the community. Various CEO's came together to give advice based on their industry and needs. List of members will be forward to the board via email.
- Analyze regional economic development data for the region to identify career opportunities for students.
- Visiting to other magnet programs to examine best practice in innovative programs and collaborate and have peer conferences/discussions with programs that are doing dual CTE work.
- Foster additional partnerships with two-year and four year institutions.
- Use some kind of software to map out to decide the selection criteria, graduation credits to expand opportunities to 11 and 12 grade.
- Ready to move forward now that the foundation is done.
- GW and NOVA are engaging with LCPS for dual enrollment and degree bearing opportunities to students. A group of teachers are being sent to an entrepreneurship and professional development at Babson College in Boston in January
- Planning to start on a small scale, starting with a freshman cohort makes sense. We will create a foundational learning that High School Education think we are missing. Will have a specific curriculum and we should focus there. Will give juniors and seniors more flexibility.
- Mrs. Ambrose expressed they will need a budget which they already have a draft in process.
- Mr. Fox would like to know if they are any state law requirements that are or will get in the way in this process such as Licensure requirements or graduation requirements. They would like to have an input from staff and a list of things that the board might be able to voice in Richmond. Would like to advocate for more flexibility.

IV. AET Opening Discussion:

- Mr. Flynn stated they are at the beginning stages of the proposed budget for the leadership of the Academies specific to AET. Looking and planning to start the hiring of teachers and/or counselors positions. Support in this area is important.
- Board asked about counselors being at AET or home schools. AOS helped transition kids between schools without putting additional load in the home schools counselors. Guidance was there early in the process. Having case managers is important to make sure the offerings are given to all students.
- At the moment, there are two information sessions a year given to the community to engage students' interest in the Academies. There is about 1,200 people showing at these sessions.

- Mrs. Gonzales-Sales is working with Middle School guidance to plan efficiently and effectively to meet the student's goal.
- We need to focus on certain communities to make sure these opportunities are offered to everyone and not just a handful or people that are in the know. We need a much broader representation than we currently have.
- Possibility of maybe combining applications to attract a more diverse group of students to either AOS or AET. We are open minded to accepting applications for outside applicants not only Loudoun residents.

Chairman Hornberger moved to recommend an ad hoc motion:

"I moved to recommend to the full Board of the opening of AET with a freshman cohort in the Fall of 2016 and incorporating the effective launch of AET and the broader Academies of Loudoun as a specific Strategic Action within the schools division's Strategic Plan."

Hornberger/Fox/Morse
3-0-2 (Turgeon/Bergel absent)

V. Community Outreach:

- Mr. Flynn expressed a need being identified to work with businesses and communities to secure partnerships and relationships for internships to become a consistent part of our curriculum. Partnering with businesses to secure these as well as funding for these programs. Currently exploring contracting someone that has a community partnership and connections that will go after these businesses and agencies.
- Wayde Tetsuka spoke about LEF 501c charitable foundation for LCPS. Gave a brief description of LEF does for LCPS. Very excited about the future of AET. Offered help to also be a community liaison.
- Stakeholders are very excited and their ideas are very broad. They want to partner with LCPS to students have the world experience.

VI. Additional Topics:

- This meeting is not being held on a regular basis, so they will meet as needed. Will be in touch in the event of any significant developments.
- Mr. Fox expressed his gratitude for everyone working together in this project.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.