

Loudoun County School Board Ad Hoc Committee on Academies

Meeting Minutes

10/21/13

Members in attendance:

Jennifer Bergel, Bill Fox, Eric Hornberger, Jeff Morse, Jill Turgeon

Staff in attendance:

Sharon Ackerman, Tim Flynn, Wagner Grier, Cara LeGrys, Odette Scovel, and George Wolfe

Parent committee members in attendance: Wendy Wooley , Kelly McLaughlin

Chairman Hornberger called the meeting to order. The goal for the meeting was to identify the committee's vision for the proposed AOS/MATA facility and determine the next steps in developing that vision. Wendy Wooley led the Citizen's Working Group of the Joint Committee presentation of the research and recommendations for the proposed new facility programs. A comprehensive update was presented that outlined the purpose of the committee, work-to-date of the committee, the committee's definition of what the new Advanced Technology Committee "is" and "is not," a concept diagram showing the relationship between the AOS, STEM, MATA, and the ARTS(STEAM), pathways within the academies, and the demand for more specialized and advanced curriculum.

Bill Fox commented that he would like to see this facility offer an Early College High School opportunity with a STEM focus that could lead to an Associate's Degree through additional dual enrollment college credit opportunities. Jill Turgeon commented that "cohorts" need to be represented, an increase in dual enrollment opportunities, and the development of additional course work creating opportunities for all students. Jeff Morse envisions a competitive environment for admission that coordinates the programming with post-secondary institution partnerships as well as business and community partnerships. Jennifer Bergel inquired about the necessary funding for this program. Chairman Eric Hornberger discussed the number of students that will be served and the need to accommodate a larger number of students (e.g., 2200 students) and the courses that will be offered.

Staff reflected on the discussion topics. Sharon Ackerman and Tim Flynn highlighted efforts to-date and reflected on the presentation that was given to the Curriculum and Instruction committee on 10/16/13.

Chairman Eric Hornberger concluded discussion and closed the meeting. Plans are in place for the Loudoun County School Board Ad Hoc Committee on Academies to meet at a future date.