



LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Ashburn, VA 20148

SCHOOL BOARD

Ad Hoc Committee Meeting – Academies of Loudoun

Minutes

Eric Hornberger, Chair

September 7, 2017

4:30 p.m.

Administration Building, Room 500

Committee Members Present:

Eric Hornberger, Chair; Jeff Morse, and Debbie Rose, School Board
Ashley F. Ellis, Ed.D., Staff

Other Board Members and Staff Present:

James Dallas, Nereida Gonzalez-Sales, Tinell Priddy (Academies of Loudoun), Lhe Smith, and Gary VanAlstyne.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Morse at 4:35 p.m.

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Minutes of May 3, 2017 – Review and Approval

The Minutes of the May 3rd meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Jeff Morse to approve the Minutes and it was seconded by Eric Hornberger. The motion passed with Debbie Rose abstaining.

IV. MATA

A. Enrollment Data

Dr. Priddy shared enrollment data with the committee. She informed the committee that the numbers were changing daily as students were still registering for courses. Some of the courses are still small and there are still some open seats; however, the feeling among the team was that this would change once the program moves into the new building. Open seats will become larger due to having more space. Mrs. Rose asked for information on the number of students that can be accommodated by each program. Dr. Ellis mentioned that most are capped at 24,

with the exception of some of the OSHA courses, which are capped at 20 due to safety reasons.

B. Program List

Mr. Morse expressed concerns about the number of vacant seats for Practical Nursing (11 out of 20 slots are filled). Additional recruitment for this course continues so the number could change. Mr. Hornberger questioned why some MATA courses had “MATA” designations while others do not. Dr. Priddy shared that over time all courses for MATA will have the appropriate designation, just as is done with courses offered through AOS and AET. Lhe Smith presented a revised list of MATA programs and responded to questions by committee members related to the marketing of particular programs. It was the feeling of the committee that school counselors need to work diligently to make certain that they discuss all opportunities for students, and that we create various pathways to help parents identify options for students. It was suggested that the Public Information Office list a robust offering of courses for students through the Academies on the LCPS web page and that perhaps students be made aware of MATA offerings as early as their freshman year, even though they are not generally available until ones junior or senior year. Dr. Priddy mentioned that the admissions team is devoted to outreach and will assist with this large task.

V. AOS and MATA Growth Model

Dr. Priddy shared the four-year growth plan for AOS and responded to questions from the committee.

VI. Construction Update

Gary Van Alstyne provided an update on the progress of construction for the AOL. The building structure is complete and the majority of glass paneling has been installed. The exterior sheathing panels have started to go in and the interior stairwells are in process. Gary also shared that significant mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work is ongoing inside of the building. Current site activities include stone retaining walls, light pole bases, and Sycolin Road improvements. Final soil grading, bus loop paving, and sidewalk installation are also underway. The landscaping is scheduled for fall 2017 installation. April 2018 is the substantial completion date.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.