



## Parent Advisory Committee to the Superintendent

Meeting Summary Notes: September 12, 2016

*Meeting Summary Notes are intended to serve as the superintendent's reflection on the discussions that occur during advisory committee meetings. They are not intended to be exhaustive. Instead, they are intended to serve as a general record for our on-going efforts to assess our needs, determine our goals, map out our strategies, and evaluate our policies, procedures and programs. Participants should contact the superintendent if they observe any critical oversight or misinterpretation.*

Participants present: Jessica Bowyer (CES), Donnie Kern (MVES), Ginni Phillips (CMS), Robert Tucker (AHS), Michelle Downs (SES), Ashley Terrell (CES), Schuyler Fury (SES), Lorie Bess (Administrative Assistant), and Eugene Kotulka (Superintendent).

1. Schedule of PAC meetings for 2016-2017: September 12; October 10; November 7; February 13; March 13; April 10; and May 3. All meetings will be held at the Central Office building in Low Moor and will begin at 6:30 p.m. If schools are closed due to inclement weather, the PAC meeting is also cancelled.
2. Mr. Kotulka welcomed everyone to the meeting and discussed the purpose of the parent advisory committee. He reminded participants it is helpful to send any suggestions, concerns, or questions to him ahead of time as some topics require research. He explained the committee provides valuable input and it should be considered an open forum, unless there is a specific personnel issue, which would need to be discussed privately.
3. Mr. Kotulka gave a brief update on each of the following topics:
  - a) Revised comprehensive plan
  - b) Revised capital improvement plan – the Sharon roof project is part of this plan
  - c) New school calendar – to accommodate students finishing their SOLs before holidays. A participant suggested moving winter break up 5-6 days.
  - d) Bank time
  - e) Vision 2020
  - f) Early College Scholarship Program - \$1,000 cost to parents. ACPS pays for books.
  - g) One-to-One Initiative
  - h) New Tech department – not fully developed yet
  - i) Turning Point program (former Alternative Education program)
  - j) Wrap around services – geared towards elementary students but will be used for any student, if needed
  - k) Connecting with Early Childhood programs
  - l) Expanded Governor's school program
  - m) Enrollment of Boys Home students – will be included in ACPS enrollment because they live in our county
  - n) Career and tech pathways
  - o) Salary increases – will be asking the Board to approve 1%, retroactive to July 1, at the Sept. 19 board meeting
  - p) Technology upgrade
  - q) CMS Bell system – still in progress

r) AHS Fire Alarm system - completed

4. New Business

- a) Reading initiative
- b) Responsive Classroom initiative – sometimes referred to as “teaching good manners”
- c) Integration of technology into the classroom
- d) MVES new traffic pattern – changed to increase safety of students, not because of moving the Early Childhood program to MVES. This plan was in place before the move. The traffic plan was recommended by VDOT engineers. A participant suggested having a single drop off spot for both schools. Mr. Kotulka said he would check into this option and report the findings back to the committee.
- e) Exit 21 interchange – work should begin in the spring. Not exactly sure how we will be affected at this point.

5. A participant discussed building a flood wall at AHS. He noted funding was approved to build the wall but it was never built. Mr. Kotulka replied he would look into it as he does not know the history on this project.

6. A variety of topics were discussed by participants:

- a) AHS flood concerns
- b) Consolidation
- c) Reopening Falling Spring and/or Boiling Spring schools

7. A participant reported things are going well at MVES and the PTO is great.

**NEXT MEETING: October 10 at 6:30 p.m.**

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