

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

November 3, 2005

The committee met on Wednesday at 8:35 a.m. in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center in Rockville, Maryland. Those in attendance were: Mr. Gabe Romero, Mrs. Pat O'Neill, Mr. Roland Ikheloa, Mrs. Glenda Rose (recorder), Dr. Frieda Lacey, Ms. Jody Leleck, and Ms. Linda Ferrell.

Resolved, That the Strategic Planning Committee, with the superintendent and appropriate staff, review and commend for the Board's consideration in amending the strategic plan:

- Outcomes against which the success of middle school reform can be measured
- Strategies and/or initiatives to help MCPS achieve those outcomes
- A timeline for implementation of identified strategies
- Budget implications of identified strategies
- A chronology for achievement of identified outcomes over the next five years
- Implications of successful reform for delivery of middle school programs for special populations (e.g., highly gifted, special education, ELL)

Staff explained the work that was taking place, and how the project teams will address the following areas with a report to the Steering Committee on or before December 9, 2005.

The project teams are:

- Leadership/Professional Development
- Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
- Extended Learning Opportunities
- Technology
- Organizational Structure
- Human Resources
- Parent and Community Engagement/Communication

The project teams will begin their work with research, identify current practices, and develop strategies for middle school reform. The final reports from the project teams are due on April 7, 2006. The committee agreed that this is an accelerated timeline based on the complexity of the reform.

The committee discussed high school credit, prerequisites for International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement, teacher certification, student schedules, technology use and misuse by students, and policy development.

**Next Steps**

1. Receive a report from the Steering Committee based on project team reports.
2. Schedule time to meet with two to three chairs of the project teams to understand the direction of the teams.

**Future Meeting Date(s)**

Second week of December.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.