

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Strategic Planning Committee  
January 30, 2009  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 p.m. with the following committee members and staff present: Dr. Judy Docca (Chair), Ms. Nancy Navarro, Ms. Laura Berthiaume, Ms. Suzann King (staff assistant) and Kathy Yorro (recorder).

MCPS Staff Present: Mr. Larry Bowers, chief operating officer, and Mr. Brian Edwards, chief of staff, Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

**Committee charge**

The committee reviewed its charge and agreed that no changes were necessary at this time.

**Prior committee work**

The committee reviewed some of its prior work which included:

- Review of the strategic plan prior to being submitted to the full Board
- Review of foreign language offerings
- Presentation and review of suspension statistics
- Principal Survey Instrument
- Professional Growth System/Framework for the Superintendent of Schools
- Legislative Platform
- Plans for Board's meeting with the Maryland Delegation
- Plans for strategic plan forums on the operating budget
- Presentation on EXCEL Beyond the Bell – Analysis of After School Programs Available in Three Communities
- Review of Policy AEB, *Strategic Planning for Continuous Improvement*

**Alignment of Work Plan**

The committee developed a work plan for this year to include:

**Focus of Committee's Deliberations for 2009:** Review the strategic plan and determine which areas have yielded faster results to discern areas of the strategic plan and reforms that may require further examination by the Board. The committee also discussed the following items for the work plan:

1. Review collected data and information in February
  - a. Update on graduate rates and the new formula (which takes effect in 2011) to determine graduation rates
  - b. Update on principal surveys
2. Development of an equity framework/follow ups from Board retreat – March meeting
3. Publication of the 2009-2014 *Our Call to Action: Pursuit of Excellence*

- a. Preparation for Strategic Planning Forums – July
- b. Review entire strategic plan – April through June for submission to Board at its June meeting
4. Advance the Board's Legislative Agenda - October
  - a. Develop Legislative Platform
  - b. Prepare for delegation meeting (consider having breakfast meeting in school(s) with a tour)
5. Explore options for providing foreign language systemwide

The Board agreed to submit this work plan to the full Board for consideration at its February 23, 2009, meeting.

### **Meeting Frequency**

The committee agreed to meet monthly and proposed the following dates for the next two meetings:

- February 13 at 11:00 a.m. or February 20 at 11:00 a.m.
- March 11 at 11:00 a.m. or March 13 at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.