

Revised 8/26/10

**Alexandria City Public Schools
Called School Board Meeting
and
School Board Retreat
August 28-29, 2010**

**George Washington Middle School
3rd floor ALL Center
1005 Mt. Vernon Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22301**

ACPS Goals

Equity and Excellence: Every student prepared for college, work and life.

Each student, with support for their unique circumstances, will graduate from high school with the knowledge and skills necessary for higher education, multiple career paths and active citizenship.

1. Ensure all students demonstrate significant academic growth, and dramatically improve achievement outcomes for students below grade level.
2. Provide a rigorous, relevant, and internationally benchmarked education to enable all students to succeed as citizens in the global community.
3. Create an exceptional learning environment.
4. Implement a focused, transparent governance model that incorporates effective communication and evidence-based decision making.
5. Provide clean, safe and conducive learning environments that utilize best practices for energy efficiency and environmental sustainability.

AGENDA

Saturday, August 28, 2010, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Welcoming Remarks:

- ACPS School Board Chair, Yvonne Folkerts
- Superintendent of Schools, Mort Sherman

**Overview of Systems Approach to Strategic Planning (Baldrige): Brenda Clark –
Tab 1**

Reporting Structure and Metrics – Tab 2

Report on the School Board's Strategic Plan

- Direct Measures of Student Achievement (Objectives 1.a, 1.b, 1.d, 1.f, 1.g, 2.c, 2.d, 2.f, and 2.h will be discussed) Staff Facilitator: Mort Sherman – **Tab 3**
 - Preliminary comments on the results
 - Special Reports
 - TC Williams Transformation – Steve Wilkins
 - TC Vision and Action Committee – Peter Balas
 - Middle School Reform: Results and Looking Forward – Margee Walsh
 - Special Education: Inclusion and Autism Plans – Peggy McLeod
 - Individual Achievement Plans – Cathy David
 - Questions
- Partnerships to Support Student Achievement (Objectives 1.c, 1.e, 1.h, 2.e, 3.c, 3.d, and 5.b will be discussed) Staff Facilitator: Mort Sherman – **Tab 4**
 - Preliminary comments on the results
 - Special Reports
 - Communication Plan – David Temple
 - Education Foundation – David Temple
 - Questions

Called School Board Meeting for adoption of Connected Math and Myers' Psychology for AP textbooks

Sunday, August 29, 2010, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- Operations Initiatives to Support Student Achievement (Objectives 1.c, 1.e, 1.h, 2.e, 3.c, 3.d, and 5.b will be discussed) Staff Facilitator: Margaret Byess – **Tab 5**
 - Preliminary comments on the results
 - Special Reports
 - Board Standing Committee Structure – Yvonne Folkerts, Sheryl Gorsuch
 - Board Advisory Committee End-of-Year Reports – Cathy David, Margaret Byess
 - Staff Recommendations for 2010-11 Scope of Work for School Board Advisory Committees – Cathy David, Margaret Byess

- Policy Governance – Yvonne Folkerts
- Fiscal Forecast – Margaret Byess
- Compensation and Benefits Focus Areas for FY12-14 and Pay for Performance – Steve Wilkins

- Questions

- ACPS Learning Model (Curriculum, Instruction, Relationships) to Support Student Achievement (Objectives 2.a, 2.b, 2.g. will be discussed) Staff Facilitator: Cathy David - **Tab 6**
 - Preliminary comments on the results
 - Special Reports
 - Tripod Survey of TCW – Peter Balas - *Ron Ferguson Power Point*
 - Skillful Teacher Training – Betsi Shays
 - Exemplary Programs – Principals
 - Habits of Mind – Dawn Feltman
 - IB/PYP – Kim Graves or Melissa Deak
 - STEM – Brandon Davis
 - Core Knowledge – Pat Zissios
 - Arts Program (Kennedy Center) – Wes McCuen
 - Professional Learning Plans – Cathy David

 - Questions

Reports previously submitted to the Board

Curriculum and Instruction

- ACPS Mentoring: Betsi Shays
- Teen Health Center: Robin Wallin
- Senior Experience: Grace Taylor
- Elementary Science: Melissa Hamilton
- Graduation Coaches, including special education: Peggy McLeod and Terri Barnett
- CTE Changes for SY 2010-11: John Brown, Pete Balas, Margee Walsh
- New Technology Support Model: Elizabeth Hoover
- Hot Spots, etc, with new Tech Grant: Elizabeth Hoover
- Status of new student data system: Elizabeth Hoover

Planning and Support Operations

- Kindergarten enrollments; MOE updates: Karl Smith
- TC Williams Facilities Use Report: Margaret Byess
- Calendar Committee, consideration of ½ days: Jim Loomis, Steve Wilkins
- Plans for Emergency Days: Communications, Technology, Instruction, and Nutrition
- Consultant Report on Elementary Transportation and Dismissal: Margaret Byess

Superintendent and Board

- Student Absences: Policy JE-D: Sandy Hudnall
- Board and Staff Requirements for Meeting Preparation (Materials to board for agenda in a timely manner; Exception to policy, How board members should be prepared for meetings)
- Analysis of Extended Day: Monte Dawson
- Mount Vernon Community School: Cost of Focus Programs and Effectiveness
- Residency checks: Grace Taylor