

District 9 Board Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2015

I. Attendance

The following individuals attended the meeting:

- WCPSS Principals: Douglas Hooper (Adams Elementary), Stephanie Raiford (Briarcliff Elementary), Rodney Stanton (Cary Elementary), Nolan Bryant (Cary High), Chip Mack (Davis Drive Elementary), Rick Williams (Davis Drive Middle), Nikia Davis (East Cary Middle), Winston Pierce (Farmington Woods Elementary), Kristin Walker (Green Hope Elementary), Karen Summers (Green Hope High), Sherry Schliesser (Kingswood Elementary), Burton Batten (Laurel Park Elementary), Robin Wahl (Northwoods Elementary), Catherine Yanello (Reedy Creek Elementary), Trent Evans (Reedy Creek Middle), Debbie Edwards (Salem Elementary), Elaine Hofmann (Salem Middle), Tim Chadwick (Weatherstone Elementary) and Michael James (West Cary Middle).
- BAC 9 Representatives: Cyndi Tomblin (Adams Elementary), Marian Ingham (Briarcliff Elementary), Joanie Peterson (Cary Elementary), Teresa MacDonald (Cary High), Julie Swanson (Davis Drive Elementary), Jennifer Kaczynski (Davis Drive Middle), Liz McCabe (East Cary Middle), Mano Meenaksh (Farmington Woods Elementary), Dee Deanhardt (Green Hope High), Julie Lerch (Kingswood Elementary), Stacey Darbee (Laurel Park Elementary), Julie Roseland (Northwoods Elementary), Tania Boardman (Reedy Creek Elementary), Suzanne Davis (Reedy Creek Middle), Jeff Stow (Salem Elementary), Jane Shiflett (Salem Elementary), Bracha Blanc (Salem Middle), Michelle Allen (West Cary Middle), and Curt Stangler (At-Large).
- Staff and Public Guests: Tim Locklair (Western Area Superintendent), Clinton L. Robinson, Jr. (Area Superintendent), Julie Cutler (AP Davis Drive Elementary), and Kim Collins (AP Green Hope High).
- Members Absent: Diana Bader (At-Large), parent rep for Green Hope Elementary, parent rep for Weatherstone Elementary.

II. Call to Order

Mr. Bill Fletcher called to order the regular meeting of the District 9 Board Advisory Council at approximately 5:15 pm on Monday, August 31, 2015 at Laurel Park Elementary School. The school's principal, Mr. Burt Batten, provided information about the school and thanked the school's PTA for organizing the dinner for the event.

III. Business Items

The minutes from the group's last meeting on April 27, 2015 were reviewed. Following a motion to approve, and duly seconded, the minutes were unanimously approved without edits.

Dates for the next two meetings were determined. The next meeting will be held at 5:30 pm on Monday, October 19, 2015 at Cary High School. On Monday, January 25, 2015, the group will meet at Farmington Woods Elementary School. Mrs. Roseland reviewed the WCPSS policy governing all Board Advisory Councils, policy 1800, with the group. Parent representatives were asked to execute the BAC Parent Member Expectations form. A secretary will need to be determined for the group.

The group briefly discussed the proposed changes to school district election maps, which could greatly adjust the geographic makeup of each BAC, and therefore its membership. As previously determined by the State Legislature, all current WCPSS Board of Education members will be up for re-election in 2016, which is a change from the current, staggered terms. More information will follow as it becomes available.

Mr. Fletcher addressed the group, highlighting the current budgetary challenges for the school system, including the lack of a state-legislated operating budget, no current funding in the proposed budget for driver's education, and the possibility of losing funding for all teaching assistants. Mr. Fletcher also emphasized a positive development at the beginning of this school year - no apparent issues with school transportation, including little to no driver vacancies. Mr. Fletcher welcomed three new principals to the group.

IV. Main Topic and Guest Speaker - 2015-16 Student Assignment Plan, Presented by Ms. Laura Evans, Senior Director of Student Assignment for WCPSS

Ms. Evans reviewed the proposal for year two of WCPSS' comprehensive, five-year student assignment plan, including the five new schools scheduled to open during the 2015-16 school year. Ms. Evans also reviewed the four pillars guiding all assignment decisions - student achievement, stability, proximity, and operational efficiency - as well as the in-depth data analysis tools used to produce the multi-year plan. Finally, Ms. Evans discussed certain assignment plans to address over-capacity at area schools, and some changes meant to address calendar option changes. The entire presentation can be found here: <http://wcpss.net/Page/13500>.

Members of the public are encouraged to provide online feedback by visiting <https://wcpss.granicusideas.com/discussions/2016-17-enrollment-plan-draft-1>. The first draft will be presented to the full WCPSS Board of Education on September 15th, to incorporate any suggestions/comments made via online feedback a week prior to the September 15th meeting.

A brief question and answer session then ensued.

V. Adjournment

Mr. Fletcher thanked the guest speaker, Laurel Park Elementary, and their PTA. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julie Roseland, District 9 BAC Chair.