

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

January 18, 2012
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Room 120

MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m. with the following Board members and Board staff present: Mr. Michael Durso (chair), Dr. Judy Docca, Mr. Roland Ikheloa, chief of staff, Ms. Laura Steinberg, staff assistant, Office of the Board of Education, and Ms. Kathy Yorro (recorder).

The following Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) staff members were present: Mr. Larry Bowers, chief operating officer; Mr. James Song, director, Department of Facilities Management; Mr. Bruce Crispell, director, Department of Long-Range Planning; Ms. Janice Turpin, real estate management team leader, Department of Facilities Management; and Ms. Lori-Christina Webb, executive director to the Deputy Superintendent of Schools.

Approval of Minutes (October 28, 2011)

The committee unanimously approved the meeting agenda, as well as the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting of October 28, 2011.

MCPS/Park and Planning Joint Task Force Interim Report

Mr. James Song presented an overview of the MCPS Site Selection Process and MCPS/Park and Planning Joint Task Force Interim Report. Discussion included:

- Members of the Task Force include Mr. Christopher Barclay, president, Montgomery County Board of Education; Ms. Laura Steinberg, staff assistant, Office of the Board of Education; Mr. Bruce Crispell, director, Department of Long-Range Planning, Ms. Francoise Carrier, Planning Board chair, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission(M-NCPPC); Ms. Janice Turpin, real estate management team leader, MCPS Department of Facilities Management; Mr. James Song, director, Department of Facilities Management; Ms. Marye Wells Harley, Planning Board vice chair and commissioner, M-NCPPC; and representatives from Montgomery County (county executive's office and County Council).
- Task Force meetings were held on November 9, and December 5, 2011, and January 9, 2012.
- Discussions included short-term and long-term issues.
- Short-term issues included: MCPS, Montgomery County, and M-NCPPC site selection processes; MCPS modernization schedule, M-NCPPC approval process and ways to streamline; and possible response to County Council issues with site selection process.
- MCPS Short-term needs include: Clarksburg, Richard Montgomery ES #5, Hungerford site, Northwest ES #8, Shady Grove/Jeremiah Park, White Flint ES,

Farquhar MS land swap, Wheaton/Edison modernization, upcounty holding center, need for school bus depot, BCC MS #2.

- Long-term issues included: land use master plans, White Flint and Shady Grove sectors; Montgomery County process for surplus properties and entering into long-term leases.
- Comparison of site selection process
 - MCPS process involves the public from beginning and throughout the process, formation of an advisory committee, and providing recommendations.
 - M-NCPPC and Montgomery County use a more internal process; don't have formal committees – most work is done by internal staff without public involvement; evaluate site without public involvement; meet with public after their process has been completed; do a thorough investigation prior to public information meetings.
- Joint Task Force will continue to review future site sizes and sector and how Montgomery County process for surplus of sites and long-term lease agreements.
- Need for further discussions. Joint Task Force plans to meet at least twice a year and compare best practices.

Staff presented a draft flow chart showing the MCPS Site Selection Process.

Committee Work Plan

Committee members reviewed and discussed the committee's work plan. The work plan will include:

- Review of the Strategic Plan (March, April, and May)
- Adolescent Literacy (between October and June)

Follow Ups

- Ms. Steinberg and Ms. Webb will work to determine what information should be brought back to the committee on Adolescent Literacy (ongoing work, what work needs to be done, benchmarking, etc.). Based on committee discussion will determine if topic will go forward to full Board.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.