



Minutes  
School Board Retreat  
Greene County Schools  
Stanardsville Station  
May 5, 2023

Members Present: Mr. Todd Sansom, Chair; Ms. Sharon Mack, Vice-Chair; Mr. Brooks Taylor, Member; Ms. Rebecca Roach, Member; Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent.

Mr. Sansom called the retreat to order at 8:30 am in the meeting room at the Stanardsville Station.

Mr. Sansom stated that Mr. Tooley hoped to be attending the retreat after lunch.

Dr. Whitmarsh shared that this is a retreat which is a time to share lots of information with the board.

Ms. Gillette, who is the Director of Student Services, presented agenda item Chronic Absenteeism. The presentation included: trends and interventions, the big picture, what does chronic absenteeism look like in Virginia, what is a chronic absence, GCPS chronic absenteeism rates, chronic absenteeism in neighboring localities, VA Code and GCPS Policies, a paradigm shift, truancy vs chronic absence, why kids are missing school, trends we have observed during our AIP meetings, and interventions and supports.

Dr. Mitchem, who is the Director of Special Services, presented agenda item Student Supports. The presentation included: students then vs. now, modern family, surface level problems, how do we address the root causes of behaviors, social work initiatives, how do behavior coaches help, school psychologists, student success coaches, specialized instruction.

Dr. Mitchem presented agenda item Students with Disabilities. The presentation included: introduction to special education regulations, purpose and structure of the IEP, procedural safeguards and due process, who oversees special education, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, FAPE, what is special education, special education process, least restrictive environment, continuum of services, manifestation determination review, implications of not following IEPs, Perez v. Sturgis, and additional cases.

Dr. Mitchem presented agenda item Children's Services Act. The presentation included: Special Education and the Children's Services Act, objective, Comprehensive Services Act, Who's on FAPT & CPMT, FAPT responsibilities, CPMT responsibilities, targeted population for CSA, what is needed to

determine CSA eligibility, responsibility of school division, responsibilities of CSA/FAPT, why can't CSA pay for services in the school, out of jurisdiction non-educational placements through CSA, special education wraparound funds, CSA education spending, 2% rate cap, CSA budget, and sample of current rates.

A lunch break was taken around noon.

Ms. Gillette presented agenda item Threat and Risk Assessment. The presentation included: defining the terms, GCPS Policies, assessment and care team, levels of concern, and making progress.

Ms. Gillette presented agenda item Student Discipline. The presentation included: school climate is the key, VDOE model guidance, GCPS policies, standards of student conduct, student behavior and administrative response, social emotional learning, GCPS standards of student conduct and SBAR, questions to consider, what is the impact of exclusionary discipline, GCPS policies for suspension and expulsion, aggravating circumstances, expulsion, GCPS policies for students with disabilities, discipline committee 2022-2023, and making progress.

Dr. Pursel, Assistant Superintendent, and Dawn Gillette presented agenda item dress code. The dress code regulation policy was shared. Board members shared some concerns regarding the way students dress including wearing pajamas. Ms. Brunelle responded to some concerns regarding inappropriate dress and how issues are handled.

There was more conversation regarding threat and risk assessment.

Dr. Whitmarsh reminded everyone of the recognition ceremony beginning at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> with closed session at the school board office at 6:30 and regular meeting beginning at 7:00 pm.

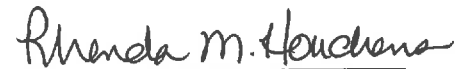
Mr. Sansom requested a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Mack seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Meeting ended at 3:00 pm.



Chair



Clerk