

# **Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee**

**February 7, 2018**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Skyline Middle School Library**

## MINUTES

### **Welcome and Introductions**

- People around the room introduced themselves and said which school their child attended.
- Dr. Kizner talked about the delay today and the difficulty of making the right call when the inclement weather involved ice. He mentioned that there were no issues around the division with the delay and that absentee rate for students was about 9% (typical absent rate is 5-6 %).
- Dr. Kizner mentioned we have not had an increase in flu cases as other divisions in the state, but instead we have been dealing with more of stomach viruses.

### **Profile of a High School Graduate Presentation**

- Patrick Lintner, assistant superintendent of instruction, presented on the Profile of a Virginia Graduate.

### **2018-2019 School Calendar**

- Dr. Kizner described the process by which he requested feedback on the three calendar drafts that were provided. He shared a copy of calendar A, which received the greatest support from all of the schools and other stakeholder groups. This calendar has a full two weeks off for winter break. He mentioned that HCPS looks at aligning our calendar as close as possible with Rockingham County Schools.
- Dr. Kizner talked about the length of our current school day, as it is longer than the state code. This allows our division to reach the required 990 hours per academic year quicker than other divisions.
- Looking at the number of days we have missed so far due to inclement weather, we are in good position and will not need to make up any lost time.

### **High School Project Update**

- School Board approved a plan for a second high school to open 2021-2022, but city council did not support it and instead voted to open two years later.
- Dr. Kizner talked about the challenges this presents and talked about inflation rates (inflation escalation projections handout) in construction and the increase in cost in the delay of opening.
- Dr. Kizner shared a document (Harrisonburg High School Short-Term Plan to Address Overcrowding Conditions). He talked about how this plan would be able to address some

of the current challenges, but reminded us that the acquisition of additional trailers will still not address core spaces such as stairwells, cafeteria, gym, etc.

- He talked about proposed changes to the current student schedule and how adding a 5th block could help alleviate some of the overcrowding.
- Dr. Kizner also talked about the implications this would have on transportation, additional cost for personnel, after school sports/activities, etc.
- Dr. Kizner made it clear this plan is for 2018-2019.
- Dr. Kizner also mentioned the school board was actively exploring other spaces in the city. JMU was approached to see if they would have some space available at Memorial Hall; EMU was approached and said they don't have any space available; Simms has some classroom space and could be a possibility.

### **Preliminary Budget Discussion**

- The budget will be presented to the School Board on March 6. Parents can get a preview, along with staff, of the budget that will be presented at a meeting at Keister Elementary School at 4:15 p.m. on March 6.

### **Issues and Around the Horn**

- No critical issues were raised.

### **Other**