

**Montgomery County Board of Education
Strategic Planning Committee**

The Board of Education Strategic Planning Committee met on Monday, April 4, 2005, at 6:00 p.m., in Room 127 at the Carver Educational Services Center in Rockville, Maryland.

In attendance were:

Mr. Gabe Romero, Chair
Mrs. Nancy Navarro, Member
Mrs. Patricia O'Neill, Member

Staff:

Mr. Larry Bowers, COO
Mr. Dick Hawes
Mr. Roland Ikheloa, Ombudsman/Staff Assistant
Mrs. Roz Phillips, Administrative Secretary

The meeting opened at 5:25 p.m. with introductions and opening remarks by the Chair, Gabe Romero.

The first topic item for discussion was the LEED project. Mr. Hawes explained the premise of LEED as construction standards that meet the criteria of protecting the environment and incorporating safety/security issues while still maintaining state-of-the-art design for school construction. MCPS is already staying within the LEEDS framework and will continue to adopt all sections of the template aiming toward a Silver Certification classification.

Gabe Romero suggested that a peer group of local engineers, architects, contractors, etc., be consulted to review MCPS building standards and submit a report outlining the timelines and proposed cost increase to meet the Silver Certification. The Committee supported this suggestion and Mr. Hawes will organize a meeting. A report will be submitted through the Strategic Planning Committee prior to planning a presentation to the Board of Education.

Other topics:

Member, Pat O'Neill, introduced discussion concerning the Planning Board. In the past, the Board of Education had been meeting regularly with this group to discuss population trends, building projects, and other plans that impact the school system. She proposed that the Committee recommend resuming these meetings in the next school calendar year.

The Committee agreed and plans will be made to schedule a meeting in the fall to discuss sector plans.

Next steps:

Dick Hawes and Joe Lavorgna will be requested to attend the next committee meeting to inform the Committee on sector plans and will outline discussion items for the upcoming meeting of the Board of Education with the Planning Board.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Roz Phillips