

Board of Education Agenda Item

Item: _____ I. _____

Date: February 23, 2005

Topic: Report from the 2004-2005 Student Advisory Committee

Presenters: Mrs. Isis M. Castro and Mrs. Eleanor B. Saslaw, Members of the Board of Education and Sponsors of the Student Advisory Committee

Origin:

Topic presented for information only (no board action required)

Board review required by
 State or federal law or regulation
 Board of Education regulation
 Other: _____

Action requested at this meeting

Action requested at future meeting: Final report and recommendations will be presented at the April 20-21, 2005, Board of Education meeting

Previous Review/Action:

No previous board review/action

Previous review/action
date: _____
action: _____

Background Information: Members of the 2004-2005 Student Advisory Committee were selected from more than 100 nominations received in October 2004 from the public middle and high schools across the state. Each school was eligible to nominate one student for consideration. The nominees then had to complete an application packet that included letters of recommendation and essays. Representatives of the Board of Education reviewed all applications and selected the 12 students to be named to the committee. The new members were notified in November 2004.

The membership of the Student Advisory Committee is set forth in Article X of the Board of Education's bylaws. Of the 12 members of the Student Advisory Committee, eight high school students were selected to represent the Department of Education's eight Superintendents' Study Group regions, and four middle school students were selected at-large (see attached membership list).

Summary of Major Elements: During the first meeting in December 2004, the members of the Student Advisory Committee discussed a broad spectrum of issues and concerns for students in the public schools across the state. From this discussion, the committee members selected three topics for in-depth study and divided into small work groups focused on the three topics.

At the committee's second meeting on February 22, 2005, the members continued their discussions and formulated preliminary findings.

At the February 23rd Board of Education meeting, the members of the Student Advisory Committee will be introduced and will present a summary of the topics selected for in-depth study.

Superintendent's Recommendation: N/A

Impact on Resources: N/A

Timetable for Further Review/Action: The Student Advisory Committee is scheduled to present its final report and recommendations to the Board of Education at the April 2005 meeting.

Members of the 2004-2005 Student Advisory Committee

Ashley Beaudin
James Wood High School
Frederick County

Patricia Castillo
Denbigh High School
Newport News City

Liz Chassey
Prince Edward Middle School
Prince Edward County

Jonté Craighead
The Gereau Center
Franklin County

Ginny Fuller
Monacan High School
Chesterfield County

Richard Ingebresten
Battlefield Middle School
Spotsylvania County

Lori Lippman
Albert Hill Middle School
Richmond City

Katie Logan
Luray High School
Page County

Katelyn Mendoza
Monticello High School
Albemarle County

Molly Rubin
Kempsville High School
Virginia Beach City

Jessica Schatz
Courtland High School
Spotsylvania County

Thomas Webb
Graham High School
Tazewell County