

Virginia Board of Education
Student Advisory Committee
Minutes: February 18, 2009

Students in Attendance:

Drake Bishop, Nottoway High School; Meghan Bryan, Eagle Ridge Middle School; Tara Coleman, Council High School; Kevin Kabaria, Richlands Middle School; David Krawczyk, William Fleming High School; Abby Moul, Bruton High School; Nquobile Mthethwa, Prospect Heights Middle School; Kelly Robeson, North Stafford High School, Jose Soto, Bayside Middle School; Kiyoko Timmons, Richmond Community High School; and, Madison Wilson, Harrisonburg High School.

Students Absent:

Calvin Hunt, Millbrook High School

Department of Education Staff in Attendance:

Michelle Parker and Melissa Velazquez

Virginia Board of Education Members in Attendance:

Eleanor Saslaw and Isis Castro

Speakers from the Virginia Department of Education presented information to the committee regarding the three issues that were selected for this year.

Catherine Cheely, Director of Teleproduction Services, and Sarah Warnick, the AP Spanish and Spanish IV instructor for Virtual Virginia, spoke on online educational opportunities; Helen Small, Foreign Language Specialist and Elizabeth Russell, Director of Career and Technical Education, spoke on globalization and the role of foreign language and technology instruction; and Dr. Vivian Stith-Williams, Student Services Specialist, spoke on student recognition opportunities.

After lunch, the Student Advisory Committee convened in their three work groups to discuss the research they had done since the December meeting and the information that had been presented in the morning, and to develop a summary statement for presentation by Mrs. Castro and Mrs. Saslaw to the Board of Education at its meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2009. The entire committee then reconvened to listen to each work group's proposed statements for the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 28 and 29, 2009.