Meeting Minutes

Subcommittee Members in Attendance: Dr. Sylvia Lawson, Ms. Kimberly Pogue, Ms. Melanie Shapiro

MSDE Staff in Attendance: Mr. Shane McCormick

Members of the Public in Attendance: Dr. Thomas Blomberg, Ms. Margi Joshi

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 a.m.

Dr. Lawson discussed the areas that the subcommittee was charged with researching, and the area each member was responsible for. Dr. Lawson discussed the outline provided in the full work group meeting packet and the importance of incorporating each of the subcommittee topics in the outline of the final work group report.

The members discussed whether the subcommittee will have sufficient time to research and review the Silver Oak Academy and other options for comparison under the timeline to prepare and submit the final report. Ms. Shapiro expressed disagreement that the subcommittee did not have sufficient time and encouraged the subcommittee to consider all options. Ms. Shapiro stated that the subcommittee was self-limiting itself by only looking at facilities within the State of Maryland. Dr. Lawson stated that several options, both in-state and out-of-state, would be considered and researched. Dr. Lawson discussed the various components of the final report and the time that will be required to prepare and edit the final report.

Dr. Lawson reviewed the various management models the subcommittee was responsible for researching, such as management by a state board of education, local county board of education, etc. Dr. Lawson asked if the subcommittee members would be able to bring examples of other management models to the next subcommittee meeting to share. Ms. Shapiro stated no objection to researching management models, but reiterated that the subcommittee should consider speaking to people directly because they may have additional insights to provide. Ms. Pogue stated she would create a table of management models based on other states and disseminate to the other subcommittee members. Dr. Lawson stated she had spoken with staff in the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) Office of Research and asked them to look into specific questions.

Ms. Pogue discussed the academic year calendar differences between the State of Washington and the District of Columbia Public Schools. The subcommittee discussed the expectations and
questions raised by the legislation. Dr. Lawson reiterated that the subcommittee and the full work group needed to stay within the framework of the legislation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.