

City Council School Board Subcommittee Meeting Notes

April 24, 2023

Attending:

Justin Wilson, Mayor
 John T. Chapman, Councilman
 Amy Jackson, Vice Mayor (Virtual)
 Meagan Alderton, Chair, Alexandria City School Board
 Jacinta Greene, Vice Chair, Alexandria City School Board

Morgan Routt, OMB
 Dr. Alicia Hart, ACPS
 Yon Lambert, CMO
 Emily A. Baker, CMO
 James Spengler, RPCA (Virtual)

Dr. Wendy Gonzalez, ACPS (Virtual)
 Dominic Turner, ACPS (Virtual)
 Erika Gulick, ACPS
 Azjargal Bartlett, ACPS

James F. Parajon, City Manager
 Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Interim Superintendent

Item No.	Agenda Item Description	Discussion/Follow Up/Action	Responsible Party(ies)
I.	Approval of Meeting Summary 3.27.2023	Approved.	
II.	Major Projects:		
	a. High School Project	<p>We are still working on placing the steel framing and expect to be finished at the end of the month. A Topping Out ceremony has been scheduled for this Wednesday. The field deck and concrete pouring are ongoing. Pool excavation, interior framing and major trades and fireproofing are ongoing. The project continues to be on schedule.</p> <p>Douglas McCarthur Update: The south elevation of the building is complete. The curtain wall is going up. The courtyard installation and façade has been completed. Brick work has started for the South exterior of the building. Most of the ceiling grade is up and the painting and priming has been completed. This project is currently on schedule.</p>	<p>Azjargal Bartlett Dr. Alicia Hart</p>

	b. Facility Assessment/CIP Planning	The City continues to partner with ACPS to determine how to move forward in terms of future facility planning and CIP Budgeting.	Emily A. Baker
	c. Budget Update	<p>We have the preliminary Add/Delete on Tuesday and the budget is scheduled to be adopted on May 3.</p> <p>ACPS state revenue estimates were spot on, they will see a slight increase in revenue by about \$94K. That will be added to the Superintendent's adjusted budget in May.</p>	<p>Mayor Justin Wilson James F. Parajon</p> <p>Dominic Turner</p>
	d. Shared Services	Both City and ACPS staff have been working on a draft outline for the upcoming work session on May 15. A list of talking points has been shared with the CCSB to ensure that staff is on the right track. Prior to the Joint Work Session a list of all the shared operations, spaces, and programs will be shared with both bodies in order to fully understand the goals that are to be accomplished.	Dr. Alicia Hart Emily A. Baker
	e. Amazon/VA Tech	Last week an ACPS Team made up of our Technology Integration Specialists and members of the Office of Instructional Support met for the Inaugural Computer Science Integration Summit in collaboration with VA Tech. The focus of the day was computer science integration and computational thinking. The day was broken down into three micro sessions: 1. Launching Computer Science in the Classroom (Facilitated by Code VA and members of Loudon County Public Schools), 2. Unplugged to Plugged, 3. Tech Tools for Computer Science Integration (participants were able to visit several breakout rooms, ex. AI, computer coding)	Dr. Wendy Gonzalez

	f. Safety and Security	<p>The process for weapons abatement is still ongoing in terms of our pilot. The bulk of the equipment has already been received. We are working towards finalizing the actual process and communication information. Finalizing the timeline for project implementation which is targeted for May. We will start with one school at a time to address any logistical concerns rather than all the schools at once.</p> <p>ACPS and City staff have been working collaboratively to make proposed updates on the ACPS/APD MOU. This will be presented at the May 4 meeting. The updated version and presentation will be posted this week for public view.</p> <p>The review of MOU has also been added to the Shared Services Work Session on May 15 for discussion.</p> <p>Staff is on track to have the MOU signed by the July 1 deadline. Based on discussions with the committees in regard to SLEP, staff is working on putting together a limited scope of work which will focus on three areas: 1. Review/Access common structures, 2. Focus on program evaluations, and 3. Making recommendations for the next iteration of the MOU. This will help us to continue to evolve and establish an innovative partnership.</p>	Dr. Alicia Hart Yon Lambert
	g. Collective Bargaining	No updates at this time.	
III.	Other Discussion Items		
	a. Draft Agenda for Joint Work Session on Shared Services and Budget Collaboration	Please see “d. Shared Services”	

	b. Update on Joint Enrollment Projections	The memorandum shared with CCSB explained how collectively ACPS and the City look at forecasting. The industry standard forecasting method looks at birthrate/kindergarten capture (number of births that end up attending ACPS schools) and cohort survival rate (number of students that move to the next level in school every year). Since the City is looking at increasing the market rate and affordable housing units, there have been many projects that have come forward and many approved. Based on this there is a projected increase above the baseline enrollment projection and is anticipated in FY25 of just below \$16K and expected to be above that in FY29.	Karl Moritz Erika Gulick
	c. Community Eligibility Provision	The earlier numbers which are provided by ACPS in the Fall tend to be lower than the information provided in the Spring. The numbers are often off due to families being hesitant to fill out certain forms beforehand. In the Spring, the family income is better represented for the economically disadvantaged families.	Justin Wilson
	d. Alternative Education/Change for Change	In collaboration with High School Administration and Dr. Finney, we are looking at what the needs are instructionally and behaviorally. We have discussed expanding the services offered at CFC (which is a Tier III Behavioral Support) which makes up about 3% to 5% of the student population. That alone shows a need for about 225 spaces, and we only have about 50 to 60. The lack of space does not allow for the students to receive an alternative experience or alternative location to learn. Staff is also looking at expanding their elective options to ensure that students have what they need to graduate if they are at this location for a long period of time. The building is not ADA compliant.	Dr. Wendy Gonzalez

		The School Board will include this in the discussion for the High School Project at their meeting in May.	
	e. Out of School Time Staffing	There has not been any change in hiring for Out of School Time. Summer hiring is also slow, so as of now we are 10 to 15 employees short.	James Spengler

Next meeting: Monday, May 22, 2023