

# City Council School Board Subcommittee Meeting Notes

January 28, 2019

**Attending:**

Justin Wilson, Mayor  
 John T. Chapman, Councilman  
 Cindy Anderson, Chair, Alexandria City School Board  
 Veronica Nolan, Vice Chair, Alexandria City School Board

Mark B. Jinks, City Manager  
 Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Superintendent  
 Debra Collins, Deputy City Manager

Katherine Carraway, P&Z  
 Margaret Orlando, RPCA  
 Jane Richardson, ACPS  
 Kate Garvey, DCHS  
 Mignon Anthony, ACPS  
 Terri Mozingo, ACPS  
 Michelle Smith-Howard, ACPS  
 Kurt Huffman, ACPS  
 Jim Spengler, RPCA  
 Erika Gulick, ACPS  
 Dominic Turner, ACPS

Margaret Lober, ACPS  
 Shanna Samson, ACPS  
 Cynthia Skinner, ECEW  
 Morgan Routt, OMB  
 Arthur Wicks, OMB  
 Al Coleman, General Services  
 Karl Moritz, PZ  
 Jennifer Abruzzesse, ACPS  
 Staci Rijal, Charles Barrett PTA  
 Julie Crawford, ACPS

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<b>I.</b>	<b>Approval of Meeting Summary</b>	Approved as submitted.	
<b>II.</b>	<b>Standing Reports</b>		
<b>a.</b>	Capital Projects and Operations i. Long Range Educational Facilities Phase 2/	<p>An update on enrollment and review of data was provided. The projection of 15,757 students is within 2% target. Kindergarten numbers are up due to increased births over several years although 2017 birth rate data actually has gone down. T. C. Williams only grew by 10 students (retention is the key); the 9<sup>th</sup> grade grew, but students are not staying. Next year’s projection is 15,948, an increase of 200 more students. No major changes in numbers due to new development.</p> <p>Older dwellings correlate with increased affordability. Arlington put forth projections due to Amazon and do not anticipate it will impact their schools because there is no child-friendly housing stock. The type of development anticipated would not encourage increased student numbers. While the projections have been highly accurate, we should always anticipate that other forces can have an impact.</p>	Karl Moritz Erika Gulick

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	High School Alternative Analysis	<p>School Board approved the Superintendent’s recommendation for a connected high school network, but they also want to continue to look at a second comprehensive high school. Dr. Hutching explained what the network includes and how it will look. The reasons it was recommended are: 1) Provides students with options because they need different pathways; 2) Need to build on programs already in place—Minnie Howard/Chance for Change/Braddock Place setting. Currently negotiating with Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) so students will get a diploma and Associates Degree. ACPS will also begin a Summer Bridge program to begin to reach children at an earlier age. There is a FAQ and video that will provide more information.</p> <p>Second Comprehensive High School—some members of the community have been asking why this was not recommended. Dr. Hutchings shared that frequently in communities where there are multiple high schools, it results in a segregated schools. It has played out in the elementary and middle schools. The Board did request some information on the cost of this approach.</p>	Dr. Hutchings/ Mignon Anthony
	ii. Facility Assessment/CIP Planning	<p>Doing an RFP to carry out the assessment. The process will be a little different from the prior approach. Based on the Mount Vernon Elementary assessment, decided to follow that approach with the eight most challenged schools. Facilities assessments will be done on all schools and that will help with the overall building needs. Should be completed by June.</p>	Mignon Anthony
	iii. Patrick Henry	The Ribbon Cutting will be held on Thursday, January 31.	Mignon Anthony
	iv. TC Williams Stadium Upgrades	<p>New group will be convened in the next couple of weeks. Just received the drawings for the possible configuration. An RFP will be released for the many changes needed.</p>	Mignon Anthony

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	v. CIP Process Schedule	Memo drafted by ACPS/City staff requesting decoupling of the CIP with the ongoing budget process (see memo for details) and a shift in schedule. Presented three different options. Chose C as the best approach.	Morgan Routt
<b>b.</b>	<p>Youth and Education Services</p> <p>i. After School Follow up/Policy Recommendations June Policy recommendations</p> <p>ii. After School Capacity and Assignment/Transportation Coordination</p> <p>iii. Early Childhood Follow-up</p>	<p>Hope to have a facilitator to assist in the work of the system and expand membership to include other providers. Will look at barriers to enrollment by using past data. There will be another OSTP forum in April or May. There will be two pilot programs at Ferdinand Day and Francis Hammond. Students who are academically challenged will have Power Hour with academics and link it with recreation. Will align academic expectations with OSTP.</p> <p>ACPS is also hoping to replicate their Brent Place program at other locations.</p> <p>Staff are trying to apply for additional funding to bring services to where the students are (i.e., ARHA, Community Lodgings). Looking at CYMP to explore school-based models</p> <p>The ECEWG Annual Report was reviewed—reflecting progress in professional development, access, systems cooperation and funding for initiatives.</p>	<p>Jim Spengler/ Margaret Orlando/ Shanna Sampson</p> <p>Jim Spengler/ Margaret Orlando</p> <p>Cynthia Skinner/ Kate Garvey</p>
<b>c.</b>	<p>Budget</p> <p>i. Fund Balance Policy</p>	ACPS is currently working with OMB on policy to present to the City Council and the School Board. The draft will be brought back to the CCSB.	Dominic Turner

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d.	Shared Services update	For the Fleet Study, the consultant has finished collecting information and started drafting a report. Will present the findings to the City Manager, Superintendent and CCSB.	Al Coleman/ Debra Collins

<b>III.</b>	<b>Other Discussion Items</b>		
a.	Joint Facility Committee Recommendations Follow-Up	Preventative maintenance group is finalizing their RFP.	Katherine Carraway
b.	Combined Funds Budget	Changed budget process to include more stakeholders. 88% was compensation for employees and ACPS submitted budget questions to staff today. \$311 million budget recommended by the Superintendent	
c.	High School Project	Looking into creating a High School Network; Hypothetical Satellite Campuses. Looking at purchasing land over the next few months	Dr. Hutchings
d.	Potomac Yard School Site Planning/Interim Use	Is good planning going on to assure use for the future? Property owner is coming in March to get zoning changed. Mayor Wilson wants to make sure staff are actively communicating.	
e.	Staggered Elections	ACPS adopted a resolution to stagger elections and reduce the number on the board. The turnover has caused challenges and new members come right into the budget process Code of VA treats the City School Boards differently. The approach must mirror the City terms, so Council would have to change.	Jennifer Abruzzesse

		<p>It would have to go to the General Assembly to have it approved. The Council will need to weigh in on this. The information will be shared with the Council.</p> <p>The size of the Board could be done without changes to Council. Most others are either 5 or 7 and the larger ones reflect large school districts.</p> <p>It is signed. The changes will be highlighted and sent to members</p>	
<b>f.</b>	Facilities MOUs		
<b>g.</b>	Communications Protocols	Next meeting.	Mignon Anthony/ Debra Collins