

City Council School Board Subcommittee Meeting Notes

October 25, 2021

Attending:

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

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

Kate Garvey, DCHS
 Dr. Anne Gaddy, Health Dept.
 Erika Gulick, ACPS
 Dr. Alicia Hart, ACPS
 Morgan Routt, OMB
 Katherine Carraway, P&Z
 Laura Durham, RPCA
 Sophie Huemer, ACPS
 Kendel Taylor, Finance
 Stacy Hardy-chandler
 Don Hayes, APD
 Kurt Huffman
 Dr. Wendy Gonzalez
 Dr. Terri Mozingo

Susan Neilson, ACPS
 Joanna Anderson, City Attorney
 Jeremy McPike, GS
 Margaret Orlando, RPCA
 Jack Browand, RPCA
 Jane Richardson, ACPS
 Julia Burgos, ACPS
 Sarah Taylor, CMO
 Robin Crawley, DCHS
 James Spengler, ACPS
 Jennifer Abbruzzese, ACPS
 Robert Easley
 Dr. Anthony Simms
 Dominic Turner, ACPS

Item No.	Agenda Item Description	Discussion/Follow Up/Action	Responsible Party(ies)
I.	COVID-19 Update	<p>The region is in substantial transmission. The number of cases has plateaued or decreased some. We anticipate having approval and practice guidelines for pediatric vaccinations for the 5 to 11 population next week. The plan for rolling this out will be to provide vaccines to some of the larger pharmacy and the Health Department. Appointments will be open on a rolling basis. AHD will work with ACPS to get the word out in multiple languages to assist with appointment scheduling.</p> <p>ACPS has started a “soft launch” of COVID testing in the schools this week.</p>	Dr. Anne Gaddy
II.	Approval of Meeting Summary 9.27.2021	Approved.	

III.	Major Projects:		
	a. High School Project	<p>ACPS is continuing to work through the design process and has continued to stay on schedule with City submissions in order to go before the Planning Commission and City Council in January. We are anticipating another round of community and Advisory Team meetings in December. Currently working on the construction schedule which could start as early as March 2022.</p> <p>Councilman Chapman asked that incoming Council-elect be briefed on the project after the November election. Mr. Jinks indicated that the Dept. of Planning and Zoning provides a briefing to City Council prior to the meeting and a briefing for new Councilmembers will probably be in December, it would be good if ACPS did theirs earlier than that.</p>	Erika Gulick
	b. Budget Update	<p>The next step in our process is the Council Retreat on November 6, where we will give a briefing on where we stand in regards to revenues, operating expenses in both City and schools.</p> <p>There is a CIP Worksession scheduled for November 27.</p>	Mark Jinks Dominic Turner
	c. Legislative Package	<p>Each year the City presents a Legislative Package and we have separated it into two sections, Legislative Principles (aligns with City Strategic Plan) and Legislative Priorities, which is currently in “draft” form. The K12 and youth items usually tend to be fairly standard from year to year.</p> <p>In the Principle section, we address full funding of K12, ask General Assembly to acknowledge the true cost of K12 education, support efforts to ensure schools are safe and in good condition, support legislative and budget priorities to invest in Pre-K programs and local match for VPI. Support efforts for mental healthcare for youth in crisis and vulnerable youth and our community.</p>	Sarah Taylor

		<p>In the Priority section, we look at revenue and education funding shortfalls resulting from COVID-19. Legislative Director has indicated that we are open to suggestions for other items pertaining to the Legislative Package.</p> <p>ACPS has not had the opportunity to discuss what has been proposed. But there is a lot of crossover based on what was shared by the Legislative Director.</p>	
	d. Amazon/VA Tech Update	No updates from ACPS at this time.	Dr. Gregory Hutchings
IV.	Other Discussion Items		
	1. Meeting Logistics	<p>Should we continue hybrid format or bring back the entire committee?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACPS asks that committee members attend in person to form a quorum and allow staff to remain virtual. City does the same thing. • At next meeting have the subcommittee adopt an electronic meeting participation policy. This was we will need to worry about an emergency virtual meeting authority. • In the event that we are in-person, we will use the ACPS School Board Conference room to allow for spacing needs. 	Debra Collins

Next meeting: Monday, November 22, 2021