

City Council School Board Subcommittee Meeting Notes

September 27, 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
 Sophie Huemer, ACPS
 Kendel Taylor
 Stacy Hardy-chandler
 Don Hayes
 Kurt Huffman
 Dr. Wendy Gonzalez

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

Item No.	Agenda Item Description	Discussion/Follow Up/Action	Responsible Party(ies)
I.	COVID-19 Update	<p>Cases have plateaued, but we are at a high transmission. At this time, ages 12 and up are able to get vaccinated at the Teen Wellness Center. AHD is working with the middles schools to offer vaccines in October. The vaccination rate for 12 to 17 year-olds is around 95%. It is expected that the vaccine will be ready for ages 5 to 11 by the of October and under 5 may be authorized in late December/early January.</p> <p>School staff may also receive their vaccination at the Wellness Center and have also been designated as being able to receive their booster shots.</p>	Dr. Anne Gaddy
II.	Approval of Meeting Summary 6.28.2021	Approved.	

III.	Major Projects:		
	a. High School Project	We are through the design development phase and are moving into construction documents and finalizing details. Our plan is to return to the CCSB, City Council and Planning Commission in January for the Public Hearing. Construction may begin March 2022. If the construction does begin in March, the fields will be impacted. ACPS and RPCA are working to find alternate locations for activities and having discussion on providing temporary lighting where needed.	Erika Gulick
	b. Early Childhood Education	Kids First Years - The Public/Private partnerships continue to thrive. This past summer we were able to serve 73 children through summer experiences. We currently have 145 slots available for extended day learning (which is 23 more than pre-covid). We are moving forward with the ARPA Childcare stabilization Grant. It has been difficult for providers to find and retain staff. We are currently hosting employment fairs dedicated to persons interested in working in childcare.	Robin Crawley
	c. Budget Update	None.	
	d. Amazon/VA Tech Update	No update at this time.	Dr. Gregory Hutchings
IV.	Other Discussion Items		
	1. Discussion on Recent Student Altercations	Due to the recent amount of altercations in the community, especially near the high school. ACPS would like to address the return of SROs to the schools to help with the rising issues and concerns.	

Next meeting: Monday, October 25, 2021