

# City Council School Board Subcommittee Meeting Notes

## September 28, 2020

**Attending:**

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

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

Jennifer Abruzzesse, ACPS  
 Margaret Orlando, RPCA  
 Karl Moritz, P&Z  
 Susan Neilson, ACPS  
 Dr. Stephen Haering, Health Dept.  
 Joanna Anderson, City Attorney  
 Kurt Huffman, ACPS  
 Dawud Abdur-Rahman, ACPS

Kate Garvey, DCHS  
 Jack Browand, RPCA  
 Dr. Terry Mazingo, ACPS  
 Jane Richardson, ACPS  
 Kendel Taylor, Finance  
 Dr. Stephen Wilkins, ACPS  
 Erika Gulick, ACPS

Item No.	Agenda Item Description	Discussion/Follow Up/Action	Responsible Party(ies)
I.	<b>COVID-19 Update</b>	<p>The City has guidance requiring face coverings to be worn outdoors if social distancing is not possible. The Health Department held a successful drive-thru flu clinic (POD) over the weekend (840 vaccines were given). To date, we have had roughly 3800 COVID-19 cases, 1 out of 12 required hospitalization, and 69 fatalities. The Health Dept. has noted outbreaks in daycare facilities and provided tabletop exercises for 16 daycare and private schools on prevention and how to handle the situation.</p> <p>ACPS doesn't currently have a date for set for in-person classes. They have established a division wide team to analyze date that they have collected regarding virtual plus classes.</p>	<p>Mark Jinks            Dr. Stephen Haering</p>
		<p>City staff is working with ACPS partnerships to place children that are in Title I schools (most vulnerable) and get them into full-day settings. So far, sixty children have been placed at Ramsey and forty at Armstrong (these children</p>	<p>Margaret Orlando</p>

		<p>were selected by ACPS), they are at the recreation centers in classrooms to stay in a set group throughout the day during virtual learning. Some difficulty setting a roster,</p> <p>There are two public facing programs located at Patrick Henry and Mount Vernon Rec Centers. They have been opened to essential employees based on financial need. There are currently thirty children at each site and we will be adding more classrooms. Polk Recreation will be opened for Ferdinand Day students on October 5 and there will be 60 students there.</p>	
<b>II.</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	<b>None.</b>	
<b>III.</b>	<b>Approval of Meeting Summary 2.24.20</b>	<b>Approved as submitted.</b>	
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Major Projects:</b>		
	a. High School Project	<p>Redeveloping Minnie Howard in order to expand the high school connective network. ACPS is moving out of planning phase and into the design phase. We hope to be in fully in the design/development concepts by January 2021 and have a new redeveloped campus on the site by 2024.</p> <p>Exploring more colocation space at T.C. Williams and Minnie Howard Campus (i.e., Teen Wellness Center and DCHS).</p> <p>Planning community engagement via Zoom and surveys to solicit their feedback on the scope of the projects.</p>	Erika Gulick Dawud Abdur-Rahman
	b. Facility Assessment/CIP Planning	ACPS is procuring the facility condition assessments to get a clearer needs assessment for the Joint Facility Master Plan.	Erika Gulick

	c. Joint Capital Planning and Implementation	An update will be provided next month. There is currently a community survey/feedback opportunity to make sure they understand the work has been done to date.	Katherine Carraway
	d. Early Childhood Education/OST Planning	<p>Over the summer we have been working collaboratively with Smart Beginnings and Center for Alexandria’s Children to create a learning packet. These packets provide hands on activities for children birth to age 5. They were published in several languages and posted on both the ACPS and Smart Beginnings website.</p> <p>The group continued to work with ECE Program and teacher leaders to brainstorm the most effective way to design a curriculum for successful virtual learning.</p> <p>ACPS has partnered with DASH will provide transportation to Virginia Preschool Initiatives (VPI) families who may need it at no charge.</p> <p><i>See. I. COVID-19 Update for OST Planning</i></p>	Jane Richardson Margaret Orlando
	e. Budget Update	ACPS will begin their CIP budget process in October. Last spring, CIP funding for Minnie Howard was shifted to FY23. Previous projections were believed to be a recovery back to normal are not longer viable. City departments are working on 10% budget reductions. The City currently has a recession type budget.	Mark Jinks
	f. Amazon/VA Tech Update	ACPS partnership with Amazon is growing and is on the right track.	Kurt Huffman
<b>V.</b>	<b>Other Discussion Items</b>	None.	