

# City Council School Board Subcommittee Meeting Notes

## February 22, 2021

**Attending:**

Justin Wilson, Mayor  
 John T. Chapman, Councilman  
 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  
 Susan Neilson, ACPS  
 Kendel Taylor, Finance  
 Erika Gulick, ACPS  
 Theresa Werner, ACPS  
 Dominic Turner, ACPS  
 Dr. Alicia Hart, ACPS  
 Margaret Orlando, RPCA  
 Jack Browand, RPCA  
 Robert Easley, ACPS

Kate Garvey, DCHS  
 Dr. Stephen Haering, Health Dept.  
 Joanna Anderson, City Attorney  
 Jeremy McPike, GS  
 Dr. Julie Crawford, ACPS  
 Kurt Huffman, ACPS  
 Stephen Wilkins,  
 Morgan Routt, OMB  
 Katherine Carraway, P&Z  
 James Spengler, RPCA

Item No.	Agenda Item Description	Discussion/Follow Up/Action	Responsible Party(ies)
I.	<b>COVID-19 Update</b>	<p>Dr. Haering indicated that there are currently 10,000 COVID cases and 107 deaths. He doesn't recommend routine screen for school reopening. It tends to let peoples' guard down.</p> <p>ACPS is on target with reopening schools. ACPS staff completed a form to indicate if they would be able to return to in-person. Staff who were not able to, provided documentation that was placed in their personnel files. Currently 1641 staff will return, 463 will not due to health situations, and 255 will not return due to childcare issues. Dr. Hutchings commended Dr. Haering and his team for the phenomenal job in coordinating and providing vaccinations. At this time 264 employees are waiting to receive their first dose, 779 have had their first dose and waiting to schedule next one, 598 who have had first dose and already scheduled the second, 36 completed. 554 have chosen not to disclose this information.</p>	<p>Dr. Haering            Dr. Gregory Hutchings            Mark Jinks</p>

		<p>We are working with an outsourcing company to provide classroom monitors where teachers are not able to return. Later today, schedules will go out to families of children returning to in-person.</p> <p>In order to accommodate transportation, we will be doing double runs to maintain social distancing per the CDC guidelines. ACPS does anticipate building capacity challenges as the curve flattens. They are currently working with the City to find alternative locations in order to resolve this issue. Mr. Jinks has requested a quantification of what is needed and a list of locations in order to match requests to the best location.</p>	
<b>II.</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	None.	
<b>III.</b>	<b>Approval of Meeting Summary 1.25.2021</b>	Approved.	
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Major Projects:</b>		
	a. High School Project	The school board unanimously voted to exclude affordable housing at the Minnie Howard Campus. In the process of developing the site specific “Ed Spec” which the School Board is reviewing and considering, which includes community partners co-located uses. This is planned to be approved on March 4.	Erika Gulick
	b. Facility Assessment/CIP Planning	<p>A virtual community meeting will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup> for the Joint Facilities Master Plan. City staff will provide the public with an update, and a recap of the needs assessment, planning framework, and introducing roadmap themes. Anticipate having draft text to provide to the community by the end of March.</p> <p>The facility assessment is considered to be a “living” document and will be updated yearly. It is anticipated that the assessments will be needed every 3 to 5 years.</p>	Katherine Carraway Dr. Alicia Hart

	c. Budget Update	The school board approved the budget, with the few minor adjustments for the superintendent that acknowledged an additional \$2.1 million in State revenue. Additional funding may be provided by the State, depending on which SB or HB is approved.	Mark Jinks Robert Easley
	d. Amazon/VA Tech Update	With the guidance from Dr. Hutchings, our next step to get together a group of leaders from VA Tech, Virginia University, Amazon, and NVCC to discuss the STEM ecosystem to see where they can provide support in collaboration for our school system. Mr. Kuffman and Mr. Porter will meet with VA Tech next Tuesday to start those discussions.  Councilman Chapman is interested in finding a way to get some of the HBCU's involved at some point. Dr. Hutchings mentioned that ACPS is establishing a partnership with Howard University as well.	Kurt Huffman
<b>V.</b>	<b>Other Discussion Items</b>	Douglas MacArthur is currently on schedule. A newsletter was sent to the community last week. We anticipate having contractors on site in the next few days for demolition.	