

# City Council School Board Subcommittee Meeting Notes

## April 26, 2021

**Attending:**

Justin Wilson, Mayor  
 John T. Chapman, Councilman  
 Veronica Nolan, Vice Chair, Alexandria City School Board  
 Meagan Alderton, 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  
 Joanna Anderson, City Attorney  
 Jeremy McPike, GS  
 Dr. Julie Crawford, ACPS  
 Dr. Alicia Hart, ACPS  
 Morgan Routt, OMB  
 Katherine Carraway, P&Z  
 James Spengler, RPCA  
 Laura Durham  
 Azuka Bartlett  
 Stephen Wilkins, ACPS

Kate Garvey, DCHS  
 Dr. Anne Gaddy, Health Dept.  
 Erika Gulick, ACPS  
 Robin Crawley  
 Dominic Turner, ACPS  
 Margaret Orlando, RPCA  
 Jack Browand, RPCA  
 Jane Richardson, ACPS  
 Dr. Terri Mazingo, ACPS  
 Julia Burgos, ACPS  
 Shanel Hill

Item No.	Agenda Item Description	Discussion/Follow Up/Action	Responsible Party(ies)
I.	<b>COVID-19 Update</b>	<p>Currently have 11,585 cases. The fewest number of cases are among the 60 and older group, they are the most vaccinated. We have had 551 hospitalizations and 133 deaths. At this time 99,218 vaccines have been administered. 41,569 have been fully vaccinated. Based on the VDH data 1,655 vaccinations have been administered for ages 16 to 19. At this time the demand for vaccines has decreased. VDH is moving away from the pre-registration list and focusing more on open appointments links on the website. As for pediatric vaccinations, it is likely that in 3 to 4 weeks the EUA for 12 to 15 year olds may come through for Pfizer.</p> <p>Dr. Gaddy has discussed with ACPS staff the possibility of making vaccinations available in the schools and possibly making it a family event in order to reach the parts of the community that haven't come out to the PODs yet.</p>	<p>Dr. Anne Gaddy                      Dr. Gregory Hutchings                      Mark Jinks</p>

		<p>The City continues to support the Health Department with outreach and finding people to work the PODs. With average cases numbers going down, the City will begin a skeletal reopening, reflective of the staffing levels from late Fall. The goal is to have everything open by Labor Day. There will still be a work from home element available.</p> <p>More students are transitioning back to in-person learning. Last week more of the elementary students returned and this week we are welcoming our additional secondary students back into the buildings. Based on the CDC guidelines, all classrooms have been converted to 3 feet apart for and the cafeterias remain at 6 feet (each school had to establish a lunch schedule to accommodate the students; this will be shared with the parents this week).</p> <p>ACPS met with staff last month and the exemption for childcare expired on March 31. All staff will return to in-person on May 3. Summer planning is under way, there will be four days a week of summer learning from July 6 through July 30 (9a to 1p). This will be for both virtual and in-person; summer learning is not mandatory, but is encouraged. We will also add a virtual two-week virtual learning from August 2 through August 12 (invite only) for students that were identified as needing additional support prior to classes starting in the Fall.</p> <p>Starting this Fall, there will not be a hybrid model offered for classes. ACPS will have five day a week of learning for both virtual and in-person classes. Each group will have their own instructor.</p>	
<b>II.</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	None.	
<b>III.</b>	<b>Approval of Meeting Summary 3.22.2021</b>	Approved.	
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Major Projects:</b>		

a. ACPS Fall Expanded Facility Needs	<p>The City received a formal request from ACPS which outlines their the facility needs due impending space deficits in order to adhere to the CDC expanded requirements. A workgroup was formed which includes five representatives from ACPS and an Interdepartmental Workgroup which is lead by DCM Collins and Dr. Hart. ACPS is not only working with the City, but are also looking at different options such as mobile classrooms and leasing commercial spaces.</p> <p>ACPS has selected the following facilities as <i>Priority One</i> due to their proximity to the schools: Charles Barrett, Durant Center, Mount Vernon, Patrick Henry, William Ramsey, and “Chick Armstrong” Recreation Centers.; <i>Priority Two</i>: Charles Houston and Nannie J. Lee, if the other facilities are not available.</p> <p>In the event that the above spaces aren’t available. ACPS has provided the City with parameters in the event that there may other space options. The cost of using the facilities will depend out what is available/needed.</p>	Debra Collins Dr. Alicia Hart
b. High School Project	April 8 ACPS voted for pinwheel concept, and site option B which will have the bus loop alongside Braddock Road.	Erika Gulick
c. Facility Assessment/CIP Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update on the masterplan. There is a draft in development. Something to share for the next subcommittee meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>This topic will be removed going forward.</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Feasibility Studies were put on hold due to COVID. Staff hopes to give an update to the schoolboard in early June. This will be followed by community meetings. A finalized draft document will be shared in the fall.</li> </ul>	Katherine Carraway

	d. Budget Update	<p>The City’s Preliminary Add/Delete meeting will be held tomorrow night, the final add/delete will be held on Monday and with budget adoption on Wednesday. None of the add/delete items will effect the schools transfer. There is one item that will effect the City Budget and will have an impact on ACPS; that is the removing funding for the School Resource Officers and transferring it to a contingency fund for mental health and teen wellness programs.</p> <p>There is also a \$400K contingency in the proposed budget for the community college concurrent enrollment program. City Council could reallocate this amount to the schools as a technical adjustment. If not, it will remain in contingency until FY 2022.</p> <p>ACPS will have their first worksession with the schoolboard next week to finalize their budget for FY 2022.</p>	Morgan Routt Dominic Turner
	e. Amazon/VA Tech Update	ACPS has a meeting scheduled for next month to meet with the Director of VA Tech Campus.	Dr. Hutchings
<b>V.</b>	<b>Other Discussion Items</b>		
	a. ACPS and ARP Funding	<p>There are currently three pots of money through Cares Act Funding. All of the Coronavirus Relief Fund were expended by the end of 2020. So far, ACPS has used 80% of the Cares Act Funding for ESER1. They are waiting for approval of \$15M for the ERSI 2 from the Virginia Dept. of Education (VDOE); Waiting for guidance for the ERSI 3 which is under the American Rescue Plan Act. Once this information is received, they will begin to put together the application.</p> <p>20% of the ARP Funding has to be used for academic learning loss and ACPS hopes to fund programming that will be able to be maintained after COVID.</p>	Dominic Turner

Next meeting: Monday, May 24, 2021