

# City Council School Board Subcommittee Meeting Notes

## January 23, 2023

### Attending:

Justin Wilson, Mayor  
 John T. Chapman, Councilman  
 Amy Jackson, Vice Mayor (Alternate)  
 Meagan Alderton, Chair, Alexandria City School Board  
 Jacinta Greene, Vice Chair, Alexandria City School Board

James F. Parajon, City Manager  
 Emily A. Baker, Deputy City Manager (Virtual)

Kate Garvey, DCHS  
 Morgan Routt, OMB (Virtual)  
 Joanna Anderson, City Attorney (Virtual)  
 Azjargal Bartlett, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Dr. Alicia Hart, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Dominic Turner, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Sophie Huemer, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Julia Burgos, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Katherine Carraway, P&Z (Virtual)  
 Kurt Huffman, ACPS (Virtual)

Erika Gulick, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Sermaine McLean, CMO  
 Dr. Wendy Gonzalez, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Laura Durham, RPCA  
 James Spengler, RPCA  
 Alexandria Caroll, TES (Virtual)  
 Dr. Marcia Jackson, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Jane Richardson, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Delton Goodrum, APD (Virtual)  
 Jack Browand, RPCA

Item No.	Agenda Item Description	Discussion/Follow Up/Action	Responsible Party(ies)
<b>I.</b>	<b>Approval of Meeting Summary 11.28.2022</b>	Approved.	
<b>II.</b>	<b>Major Projects:</b>		
	a. High School Project	Currently, two cranes are working simultaneously as we begin to build vertically with steel placement. Concrete slabs have been poured on grade and deck.	Azjargal Bartlett
	b. Facility Assessment/CIP Planning	<p>A CIP Budget Worksession is scheduled for March 8, but we need to schedule a work session to cover facilities, joint opportunities, and SLEP recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A joint work session has been requested for February to discuss SLEP.</li> <li>• An additional joint work session will be scheduled in May/June to discuss the facilities, other joint opportunities, and the Shared Services matrix.</li> </ul>	James F. Parajon

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MacArthur Modernization Project</li> </ul>	<p>Brick work has been started on the exterior of the building. The sheeting of the building is almost done and the roofing is about 90% complete. The elevator is currently being installed. The project is currently on schedule and expected to be completed in July and opening on time.</p>	<p>Azjargal Bartlett Erika Gulick</p>
	<p>c. Budget Update</p>	<p>The city has received the operating and capital requests from ACPS and are currently evaluating the extent of the budget. The city is trying to figure out where to find efficiencies and where we have an opportunity to expand some funding. Due to the current economy and cost escalations, we are trying to find a balance to accommodate the request of a 3.97% increase.</p> <p>Cost escalations of \$25M for the 2024 CIP is a bit more problematic. We are looking at ways to manage escalations going forward and earmark funds by adding a line item to allow for unseen escalations/expenses.</p> <p>The ACPS budget that was submitted does factor in cost escalations in order to avoid having to request more later.</p>	<p>James F. Parajon Emily Baker Dr. Alicia Hart</p>
	<p>d. Shared Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lobbying Services</li> </ul>	<p>Where does it stand as far as sharing services as it relates to lobbying?</p> <p>There has been some discussion on this subject, and ACPS hopes to do better. The current challenge is that ACPS shares their lobbyist with Fairfax, Arlington, and Falls Church.</p>	<p>John T. Chapman</p>

	<p>e. Amazon/VA Tech</p>	<p>We continue to coordinate with them and have our bi-weekly meetings. We are also working on a year-long program with about 30 elementary teachers and technology instructional support team members. They are helping us as we weave computer science into the curriculum.</p> <p>A lot of opportunities are being planned for this summer in conjunction with our STEM partners for middle schoolers.</p> <p>Mayor Wilson requested a report or presentation on the partnership with VT Innovation Campus.</p> <p>Mayor Wilson requested that a report or presentation be provided to the CCSB in regard to the progress with Amazon/VA Tech.</p>	<p>Dr. Wendy Gonzalez</p>
	<p>f. Safety and Security</p>	<p>The SLEP recommendations have been provided by the advisory group. They were presented last week to the School Board. The documents were shared with the City and are online for the public.</p> <p>The committee has concluded their work as of December 2022.</p> <p>The recommendations will be discussed and voted on at the next School Board Meeting. A discussion will be needed with the City to discuss SLEP.</p>	<p>Dr. Alicia Hart Meghan Alderton</p>
	<p>g. Collective Bargaining</p>	<p>One of the budget items, if approved, would be to add Internal Council to ACPS staff. They currently contract out for those services. By adding this position, they will be able to start the process for collective bargaining.</p> <p>Mayor Wilson mentioned that the City Attorney could assist and advise ACPS on the steps for moving forward in the collective bargaining process.</p>	<p>Meghan Alderton Mayor Justin Wilson James F. Parajon</p>

<b>III.</b>	<b>Other Discussion Items</b>		
	a. Other – Automated Speed Enforcement	A webpage has been launched for the speed cameras and a staff working group (includes TES, ACPS, and APD) has been formed to discuss how the program would be built. City staff is working to ensure that all of the financial arrangements are in place, operational procedures make sense and are in-line with the City Ordinance and State Code. An update will be made in the next few months and full roll-out is expected by the beginning of the next school year.	Alexandria Carroll Delton Goodrum
	b. ECE/Out of School Time (RPCA)	<p>We are roughly 30 positions short and there are almost 250 people on the waiting list. There are currently over 1400 students enrolled for City programs. If the 30 positions were filled, then the 250 people could be removed from the waiting list.</p> <p>The waiting list is spread across the recreation centers. City staff does not currently have the information based on the school zones the children reside in. ACPS will provide the bus information to the City.</p>	James Spengler
	c. Community Use of Playing Fields	<p>There is a MOU between the City and ACPS for shared use of recreation. ACPS uses certain facilities for academic sports programs. The MOU determines who is responsible for the sites. ACPS is responsible during the day and the city takes care of the sites in the evenings. Each site is open to the public for use and if an issue should arise, it will be handled accordingly.</p> <p>Signs are posted at each site with a contact number in case there is an incident.</p>	Amy Jackson James Spengler

	d. Hispanic Youth Attendance/Truancy Efforts	Ms. Alderton will follow-up with staff to see if this information has been prepared.	Meghan Alderton
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Next meeting: Monday, February 27, 2023