

City Council School Board Subcommittee Meeting Notes

February 28, 2022

Attending:

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

Jim F. Parajon, City Manager
 Debra Collins, Deputy City Manager (Virtual)
 Dr. Gregory Hutchings, Superintendent

Kate Garvey, DCHS
 Dr. Anne Gaddy, Health Dept.
 Dr. David Rose, Health Dept.
 Dr. Alicia Hart, ACPS
 Morgan Routt, OMB
 Katherine Carraway, P&Z
 Laura Durham, RPCA
 Sophie Huemer, ACPS
 James Spengler, ACPS
 Robert Easley, ACPS
 Dominic Turner, ACPS
 Dr. Julie Crawford, ACPS

Susan Neilson, ACPS
 Joanna Anderson, City Attorney
 Azjargal Bartlett, ACPS
 Margaret Orlando, RPCA
 Jack Browand, RPCA
 Jane Richardson, ACPS
 Julia Burgos, ACPS
 Robin Crawley, DCHS
 Don Hayes, APD
 Dr. Terri Mozingo, ACPS
 Shanell Hill, ACPS

Item No.	Agenda Item Description	Discussion/Follow Up/Action	Responsible Party(ies)
I.	Adoption of Electronic Meeting Policy	Approved.	
II.	COVID-19 Update	<p>We are currently in a high community transmission. As of February 26, we had 122 cases (per 100K) and 5.5% positivity. <i>This based on the metrics that was created in September 2020.</i></p> <p>Utilizing the current information (i.e., new hospital admissions/COVID-19, percent of staff, and patient beds/COVID-19), CDC has been able to look at community levels rather than community transmissions. Using this new system, the City is currently in a low transmission rate.</p> <p>CDC Guidance is being assessed for schools, staffing and government buildings. At this time, masks are optional.</p>	Dr. David Rose

		Currently, 58% of 5 to 11 year-olds have one vaccine, and vaccination efforts continue at all schools. We do not have any updates on the 6 month to 4 year-old vaccinations or when that will be approved.	
III.	Approval of Meeting Summary 1.24.2022	Approved.	
IV.	Major Projects:		
	a. High School Project	For the high school project design, we are progressing through our schedule and are about 75% to 80% on construction documents. We expect to be at 100% by the end of April. The DSUP was approved in January, we should be able to start mobilization on site in April. A community meeting was held last week which provided design updates and construction activities that are expected in the Spring.	Dr. Alicia Hart Azjargal Bartlett
	b. Facility Assessment/CIP Planning	The FCA were completed at the end of last year, and ACPS used those results to round out the CIP Budget Proposal. Those documents are available on the webpage for each school facility. The City just held their CIP Worksession last week and will have questions on the ACPS portion.	Dr. Alicia Hart
	c. Budget Update	ACPS and City Council will meet later this week to discuss the schools budget in relation to the City's.	Meagan Alderton
	d. Amazon/VA Tech Update	Met with Dr. Pamela Gilchrist last and had a conversation about solidifying our "early college" concept, as well as expanding our early science enrichment opportunities for K-12. Mayor Wilson suggested that Dr. Gilchrist be invited to attend one of the CCSB meetings.	Dr. Gregory Hutchings

IV.	Other Discussion Items		
	a. Remaining/Viable Legislation Update	<p>Currently there is still legislation moving related to the ability of public bodies to have electronic meetings outside of a declared emergency and giving public bodies additional flexibility to hold more meetings electronically when a quorum is present.</p> <p>On “Budget Sunday” the House and Senate both proposed their budgets. We will need to wait to see how this is worked out.</p> <p>Two grocery tax bills are currently up for discussion SB 451 and HB 90, which take two different approaches to removing the grocery tax in the Commonwealth. 1% of the tax is distributed to schools based on school age population. Although both bills are include language to replace the \$280 million in lost funds, SB451 actually includes it in the Code, while HB 90 lists it in the budget which changes yearly.</p>	Sarah Taylor
	b. Safety and Security	<p>On March 10, the ACPS Safety and Security measures will be discussed with the School Board. There will be two separate presentations (1) Update on the safety and security measures for the first two quarters (2) School law enforcement partnership.</p> <p>Quarterly meetings have been held to discuss the MOU and SRO program. Several informal meetings have been held by the leadership team on other topics.</p>	Dr. Gregory Hutchings Dr. Alicia Hart
	c. CCSB Report Schedule	<p>This list was created several years ago based on the request of the CCSB. This was a way of organizing items on the agenda. Mayor Wilson suggested having the Legislative Director to come back after crossover (in February) to report on the status of items in the General Assembly. At the</p>	Debra Collins

		<p>request of ACPS, their lobbyist will also join this meeting as well.</p> <p>The CCSB adopted CCSB Report Schedule, which included the Legislative Director presenting in February.</p>	
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Next meeting: Monday, March 28, 2022