

# City Council School Board Subcommittee Meeting Notes

## October 17, 2022

**Attending:**

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

Kate Garvey, DCHS  
 Sarah Taylor, CMO  
 Sermaine McLean, CMO  
 Dr. David Rose, Health Dept. (Virtual)  
 Dr. Wendy Gonzalez, ACPS

Erica Gulick, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Dr. Alicia Hart, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Joanna Anderson, City Attorney

James F. Parajon, City Manager  
 Debra Collins, Deputy City Manager (Virtual)  
 Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Interim Superintendent

| Item No. | Agenda Item Description | Discussion/Follow Up/Action   | Responsible Party(ies) |
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| I.       | COVID-19 Update         | <p>The boosters were recently approved for everyone ages 5 years and older, so there are now two MRNA boosters available for everyone over the age of 5 years. The Health Department strongly recommends that everyone gets boosters, even if they have already had one. The new boosters include the ancestral strains, but also one that is most common with the BA4 and BA5 lineages. These are the majority of what is circulating the country right now.</p> <p>AHD will hold their first clinic for the new booster on Wednesday. Their funding for additional staffing has expired and they will not be able to staff vaccinations events at schools has they have done previously. Dr. Whalen has put ACPS in touch the the VDH Pharmacy partners so that they will be able to explore options to provide vaccines for staff, students and families.</p> <p>Due to a dip in cases, we are in a good place to increase preventative guidance. AHD has started to provide a monthly newsletter to ACPS to provide</p> | Dr. David Rose         |

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|             |  | proactive guidance for monkeypox, COVID-19 and other communicable disease prevention.  |              |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b>Approval of Meeting Summary 9.19.2022</b> | Approved.  |              |
| <b>III.</b> | <b>Major Projects:</b>                       |  |              |
|             | a. High School Project                       | The high school project is moving along. With the recently approved building permit from the City, we will be able to start steel in November. We have also solidified our MOU and that is being routed through for signatures on the project.   | Erica Gulick |
|             | b. Facility Assessment/CIP Planning          | No additional updates at this time.  |              |
|             | c. Budget Update                             | A community forum is scheduled for tonight on the ACPS budget.<br><br>The City and ACPS will meet tomorrow at 6 p.m. to discuss the ACPS/CIP budget.   |              |
|             | d. Legislative Package                       | We are headed into a short- Legislative Session in 2023, that means this is not budget year and the session will be 45 days. The first day of session will be January 11, 2023.<br><br>There will be some budget work due to some additional revenue that will be announced over the next couple of revenue quarters. Then when the Governor gives his revenue budget update in December, he will announce his plans for what this money will be used for. It is expected that the funds will be used for rebates, tax credits, or investments in infrastructure.<br><br>At this time, we do not know how the funds will be dispersed from the facilities efforts that made it through the budget last year. A lot of things came out of the GA last year with money attached to them, | Sarah Taylor |

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|            |                               | <p>unfortunately, there was not a system (guidelines) in place on how to distribute the funds. Ms. Taylor will follow-up on this.</p> <p>Mayor Wilson assured the CCSB that the City will share a draft of the City’s Legislative Package for them to review.</p>         |  |
|            | e. Amazon/VA Tech             | During the visit, we discussed what the partnership would look like from an instructional lens for our students, as well as other future opportunities for our classrooms, and maybe some future staffing. We have some meetings upcoming around the innovation projects. | Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt                    |
|            | f. Safety and Security        | Two weeks ago staff gave a full report out to the school board on the SLEP progress. Recommendations are expected to be given to the School Board in December 2022 or early January 2023.   | Dr. Alicia Hart                          |
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| <b>IV.</b> | <b>Other Discussion Items</b> |   |  |
|            | 1. Update on MacArthur        | A MacArthur update goes out every two weeks to the DMEG Advisory Group. It is a full overview of where we are on construction and scheduling. It is also included on the ACPS website. Currently, we are still on track for the opening date.                             | Dr. Alicia Hart                          |
|            | 2. School Bus Challenges?     | We are continuing to recruit for transportation as well as for substitutes. We still have shortages on drivers.   | Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt<br>Dr. Alicia Hart |

Next meeting: Monday, November 28, 2022