Updates City Council School Board Subcommittee Meeting Notes September 24, 2018

Attending:

Allison Silberberg, Mayor Justin Wilson, Vice Mayor Ramee Gentry, Chair, Alexandria City School Board Cindy Anderson, Vice Chair, Alexandria City School Board

Mark B. Jinks, City Manager Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Superintendent Emily A. Baker, Deputy City Manager Margaret Orlando, RPCA
Jane Richardson, ACPS
Kate Garvey, DCHS
Tammy Mann, Campagna Center
Dr. Terri Mozingo, ACPS
Michelle Smith-Howard, ACPS
Robin Crawley, DCHS
Staci Rijal, Charles Barrett PTA
Kurt Huffman, ACPS
Morgan Routt, OMB
Jim Spengler,RPCA
Erika Gulick, ACPS

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I.	Approval of Meeting Summary	Approved as submitted.	
II.	Standing Reports		
a.	Capital Projects and Operations i.Long Range Educational Facilities Phase 2/High School Alternative	Dr. Hutchings shared that the High School Project began this week and it is focus is on determing the kind of graduate we want and will lead to creating the learning environment that results in this.	Dr. Hutchings
		For the 11/8 School Board meeting—the discussion will focus on: What does it look likebricks and mortar, expansion, partnerships with universities. By Spring of 2019 have a plan developed. Materials will be forwarded to City Council.	
	ii. Patrick Henry	The project is on target, but are discussing the transition process. They want to be sure that the environment is fully ready, including room decoration and a welcoming environment. 12/14 is the actual transition date.	Dr. Hutchings
		Mayor Silberberg asked if the late December will be used to prepare the location. The challenge is that teachers are on winter break during this time. The Superintendent discussed flexibility in the date, but there is a cost for delaying	

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		the tearing down of building. Working session will be held with Principal/Recreation to determine plan and contingency plans.	
	iii.TC Williams Parking	The Vice Mayor discussed various elements of the parking process. The Lottery has occurred and some people have contacted council about the outcome. An update on how that process went and also the impact on adjacent street was requested. The Superintendent shared that the overall the process went well. The lottery went to Seniors first and then Juniors and stayed true to the process and that helps for consistency.	Erika Gulick Jim Spengler
		Erika Gulick and Jim Spengler provided additional information including that there were 175 spaces this year and 160 last year. 142 applications from Seniors, then moved on to Juniors17 juniors did not get spaces. There is monitoring the use of permits and looking at waivers for evening activities. For improvement next year, they will be focusing on better communication between ACPS and Recreation. The Superintendent stressed that students need to understand that driving to school is a privilege. They would like to encourage families to use the DASH bus option.	
		Looking at number of DASH buses and the schedulesometimes the buses are filled and then waiting for 30 minutes. Activity buses could also be used. Looking at some off sight parking possibilitiesbut need to look at the costs Some feedback from parents with youth who are involved in sports and there is no room to store gear so the student has to travel home and then come back Concerns about showing preferential treatment to those involved in sports The feedback will be shared with the Principal and the Sports coordinator re: this issue	
	iv. Transportation Changes	Every Thursday ACPS is reviewing the transportation planmaking revisions based on issues. New bus routes and stops were created to attempt to be more efficient, including finding the best places for a stop and best for safety due to density of students. Hoping all of the issues have been resolved.	
		9/27Alexandria Transit Vision Plan kicks off to look at the overall bus route network to assure it reflects our current needs.	

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	v. ACPS Grounds Maintenance	Exploring how the grass is cut and the rotation. ACPS and RPCA need to work together to assure that we have a standard for what things should look like at each school. There was discussion on the possible exploration of changing the agreement regarding grounds maintenance. The MOU is from 2014 and it shows which things are provided by the City or ACPS. The level of service and frequency are listed for each school. If ACPS wants higher levels of service-they send a request to the City and it is costed out and then included in budget. ACPS used to do this work itself but changed to RPCA in 2010. In 2014 ACPS chose Level 3 services. The Superintendent stated that he would not mind taking over the cutting of the grass so that they can be sure that everything is cut appropriately. Keeping the schools looking best is very important to residents. The work is done through contract, so you could increase the amount paid for and could have grounds staff and maintenance engineers involved. The first joint meeting since 3 years happened last week. The current MOU reflects 2014 agreement and level of services. Any changes will need to be included in a new MOU. The Vice Mayor is not interested in leaving a shared service modelit would be regressive. The Board Chair agrees re unity in approach. It would be helpful for the public to know the costs and levels of service. Could possibly engage local businesses in this work.	Jim Spengler Dr. Hutchings
b.	Youth and Education Services i. After School Follow up/Policy Recommendations June Policy recommendations	The plan is to get on agenda for CYFCC to present the report. What form do you want the feedback re: the recommendations? Vice Mayorafter Commission gives feedback, bring it back to the CCSB Sub for review and feedbacksend CYFCC feedback in advance Should plan to bring to whole bodiesit has not happened yet.	Margaret Orlando
	ii. After School Capacity and Assignment/Transportation Coordination	There were questions about the assignment process for after school programs, so an update was requested. There was an increase in the number of families requesting after school. It is open for anyone to apply and sometimes families have to go to another school. Mount Vernon had a lot of families impacted. In many cases we do not have the capacity to serve all children. Exploring ways to solve the issue. Have to look school by school, but also have a big picture approach Currently, ACPS is transporting kids to 89 locations .Barrett was the biggest change	Margaret Orlando

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	iii. Early Childhood Follow-up	greater demandredistricting Mount Vernon filled up day one/Barrett filled by July Ferdinand T. Day did not have an aftercare program. There is a lot of conversation occurringcan we come back in a month or two and see where everyone is and why? When there is loss or change, it is important that the approach is made very clear to the public. There are 55 children on a waitlist at Barrett. This will be an ongoing issue due to redistricting and other factors. Feedback Mechanisms for families: Expanding on a pilot from 2017, collected surveys from over 200 families enrolled in VPI and Head Start programs to get feedback about knowledge and accessibility of services in the city. This is a focus of the work of the Equity Committee as these feedback mechanisms pertain to impact pillars of health, education, emotional well-being and a welcoming caring community (e.g. trauma of racism) Professional Development: The PD council we are establishing will include a broader set of ECE providers than in the past to ensure that PD offerings address needs of a range of providers.	Kate Garvey Dr. Terri Mozingo
		Align curriculum: Additional programs have adopted the Creative Curriculum, which is adopted by ACPS this past year, and there were multiple training activities this summer. We are also hosting a collaborative training in November for supervisors who are supporting teachers implementing the curriculum.	

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с.	Budget	The budget schedule is out the earliest ever and in place. The CIP process continues to be discussed and there have been productive discussions to develop options and make adjustments. The Board Chair shared the desire to have joint discussions earlier in the budget process, giving more space to have focused discussion on CIP.	Morgan Routt
d.	Shared Services update	Fleet report is being reviewed and finalized and will be presented in the future.	Debra Collins

III.	Other Discussion Items		
	Land Opportunities Throughout Alexandria	Looking for what is out thereexploring ways to respond to capacity issues Working with Planning staff in those searches	
	Joint Facility Task Force	Update will be provided next month	
	2019 Legislative Agenda	It is helpful to come together on key items as was done last year Focus on funding Possibly something on ECE Coordinating support on legislation	
	Academic Achievement Issue	The Mayor would like to add Academic Achievement updates as a standing item The Board Chair shared that it could be a challenge to add the number of staff involved. The Superintendent has structures in place to monitor progress. There was an extensive discussion at the last Board meeting regarding this topic. The link will be sent to members. Measuring What Matters—is another tool that is in place and this will be sent to members If after viewing information, there are still questions, please reach out to Dr. Hutchings.	