

City Council School Board Subcommittee Meeting Notes

November 27, 2023

Attending:

Justin Wilson, Mayor
 John T. Chapman, Councilman
 Amy Jackson, Vice Mayor (Alternate/Virtual)
 Michelle Rief, Chair, Alexandria City School Board
 Kelly Carmichael Booz, Vice Chair, Alexandria City School Board

Dr. Alicia Hart, ACPS
 Erika Gulick, ACPS
 James Spengler, RPCA

Dana Wedeles, CMO
 Emily A. Baker, CMO
 Kate Garvey, DCHS

James F. Parajon, City Manager
 Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Superintendent

Item No.	Agenda Item Description	Discussion/Follow Up/Action	Responsible Party(ies)
I.	Approval of Meeting Summary 9.18.2023 & 10.23.2023	Approved.	
II.	Major Projects:		
	a. High School Project	<p>The project is going well and is on schedule and on budget. At this time drywall and flooring are currently being installed on the interior. Paving of the parking lot has started on the east end of the site.</p> <p>Once the students have selected their courses, then ACPS will determine which campus for each program. The draft of this plan will be shared once everything is approved by the School Board.</p>	Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt Erika Gulick
	b. Facility Assessment/CIP Planning	ACPS is still in their CIP Budget Development process. A second work session for the CIP Budget is scheduled for this evening and will address any questions that the School Board may have.	Dr. Alicia Hart Emily Baker

		The City is currently working the Office of Management and Budget to develop their budget and Proposed CIP.	
	c. Budget Update	ACPS sent a letter to eligible contracted staff prior to winter break to inform them that they would be receiving a 2% raise based on the compensation supplement from the State.	Dr. Alicia Hart
	d. Shared Operations	<p>Staff had a productive meeting to discuss the real estate priorities which were identified by both City Council and the School Board. City staff looked at the timing for the City Hall renovation and potential swing space. At this time 4480 Mark Center is an option, with the possibility of some the space being used for ACPS programming.</p> <p>The ACPS Central Office lease expires in 2029. One possibly option is for the build out of the 5th and 6th floor of Ferdinand T. Day, which would accommodate 25% to 30% of staff from the central location, which includes the School Board.</p>	Emily Baker Dr. Alicia Hart Dana Wedeles
	e. Amazon/ VA Tech	ACPS' Teaching Learning and Leadership Department is working on a fall into winter literacy project. In about a week or so, there should be a public update on this.	Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt
	f. Safety and Security	No additional updates at this time. The group is waiting present their recommendation to the Board in January.	Dr. Alicia Hart

	g. Collective Bargaining	ACPS has a committee that is working on drafting a resolution and hope to have an update for everyone soon.	Michelle Rief, Chair
III.	Other Discussion Items		
	a. School Board Member, William Bailey	Mr. Bailey has submitted his resignation form the School Board. So, a resolution will be passed this evening to certify the vacancy to the Circuit Court and establish a date for a special election.	Michelle Rief, Chair
	b. City Charter	A suggestion was made to look at the City and ACPS Charter to see if there is anything that allows for a temporary appointment for vacated seats prior to an election year.	Kelly Carmichael Booz, Vice Chair

Next meetings:

- Monday, January 22, 2024 CC/SB Subcommittee - City Hall, Council Workroom
- Monday, February 26, 2024 CC/SB Subcommittee – ACPS
- Monday, March 18, 2024 CC/SB Subcommittee – City Hall, Council Workroom