

Updates City Council School Board Subcommittee Meeting Notes

October 22, 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 Hutchings, Superintendent
 Debra Collins, Deputy City Manager

Kate Garvey, DCHS
 Ericka Gulick, ACPS
 Mignon Anthony, COO ACPS
 James Spengler, RPCA
 Margaret Orlando, RPCA
 Michelle Smith-Howard
 Katherine Carraway, P&Z
 Sarah Taylor, CMO

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I.	Approval of September 24, 2018 Meeting Summary	Approved as submitted.	
II.	Standing Reports		
a.	Capital Projects and Operations i. Long Range Educational Facilities Phase 2/ High School Alternatives ii. Patrick Henry Update	<p>Conducted community engagement events and did an online survey with over 400 responses. Meeting with TC Williams faculty re: desired qualities and vision. Will be able to make some recommendations for 11/29 session. Will begin seeking out sites and options in January. There should be recommendations May.</p> <p>Met with faculty about making transition into new school in January over MLK weekend. On time with most things, but there was a 10-day extension requested by the vendor, anticipating possible weather delays. DSUP approved a walk plan during the transition, but some changes may need to be made to assure safety and a good traffic plan. There is a community meeting scheduled for the 30th. There</p>	<p>Ericka Gulick</p> <p>Mignon Anthony</p>

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	<p>iii. T.C. Williams Parking Coordination/Permitting</p> <p>iv. Land Use: MacArthur Rebuild</p>	<p>was an easement agreement signed with Dominion Power re; transfer of power. It will be reviewed at the Board Meeting.</p> <p>Permits were not being picked up on time. A new deadline was established and then 20 students did not pick them up, so there were enough to give every student on the waiting list a permit. Will look at the timeline to try to refine the process next September.</p> <p>This item will be included in the feasibility study for MacArthur, Cora Kelly and George Mason. There is not enough info at this time. During the feasibility study they will take the standards for the elementary school, look at potential growth, and options on the grounds and determine if the building could go there with phased occupancy (like Patrick Henry).</p> <p>They will review parking, gardens, surrounding area and other elements. The planning funds will be used to do feasibility studies sooner so that it can be explored to see if this can happen sooner than 2023.</p> <p>Need to revisit discussion regarding swing space when it is not possible to keep children in the school during construction. It will be helpful to look at all of the space surrounding the schools, including homes and other parts of the property. ACPS needs to discuss these things with the City. Zoning needs to be clarified.</p>	<p>Ericka Gulick</p>
	<p>v. T.C. Williams Stadium Upgrades</p>	<p>Need to make sure there is a roadmap for engaging with the community on the recommended items related to upgrades. There will be monthly updates on these. Improvements will be made in assuring the good neighbor activities, as well as security. A forum group will be established soon in order to address outstanding issues, including the fence. It will be important to hear what the community</p>	<p>Mignon Anthony</p>

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		wants from the fence. It may be possible to put it up prior to the construction. Work will be done over the summer with possible conclusion in the Fall.	
b.	<p>Youth and Education Services</p> <p>i. After School Follow-Up -After School Policy Recommendations</p> <p>ii. After School Capacity/Assignment/ Transportation Coordination</p> <p>iii. Early Childhood Follow-up</p>	<p>Will be presenting to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission for feedback.</p> <p>Spreadsheet shows enrollment numbers for each site--25% of the population is served and this exceeds the national average. Capacity will be added to the spreadsheet to help to understand factors. Smaller gyms and cafeterias directly impact capacity. Ages can impact use due to ratios</p> <p>Need to do a review school by school to look at participation--what are the factors--transportation, costs, access. It would be helpful to know the other programs that are being utilized and the impact on the enrollment. Free and Reduced numbers will be finalized in October and will be reported to the Board in November.</p> <p>Before school care is still available in some schools based on the demand from the school. The start time for school has impacted this.</p> <p>Early Care Center at John Adams is going through some modernization. Used Health Fair to do surveys with families who are not accessing services.</p> <p>Stronger transitions from pre-k to kindergarten. Looking to gather more data based on different domains of readiness from PALS data. Making sure that parents can accurately depict what experience their child had previously. Trying to see what data they have access to and what to analyze.</p> <p>Dr. Hutchings congratulated the work group for the relationships they have built because it was not the case 5 years ago. Ms. Garvey also mentioned we are looking at joining Smart Beginnings.</p>	<p>James Spengler</p> <p>Margaret Orlando</p> <p>Kate Garvey Michelle Smith-Howard</p>

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c.	Budget	No Discussion.	
d.	Shared Services Update	Fleet study continues. Possible look at emergency radio users.	Debra Collins
III.	Other Discussion Items		
	<p>a. Joint City/Schools Facility Investment Task Force Recommendations Follow-Up</p> <p>b. City's Transportation Planning Process: (Transit Vision Plan) & Impact on H.S. Students</p> <p>c. High School Capacity Project Update</p>	<p>Second visioning took place in September.</p> <p>Draft final report is circulating to determine next steps. General Services and ACPS facilities have formed a group. They have completed an RFP to get an electronic system to assist with planning and other components.</p> <p>ACPS has a new procurement director and they will connect with the City Purchasing director for shared RFPs</p> <p>For an upcoming meeting with both bodies would like to merge the visioning info as well as the very specific recommendations.</p> <p>ACPS just wants to make sure they are coordinating with the City as the DASH process moves forward. Want to look at why some buses are over crowded and the routes that don't reach some students. Mr. Jinks indicated that the DASH manager said the buses aren't really full, they kids just gather in the front and don't go to the back of the bus.</p> <p>General discussion that we need to start encouraging students to take transit and not just cars. Vice Mayor Wilson stated that we need to look at transportation jointly and that this is shared services.</p> <p>No additional information.</p>	Katherine Carraway

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d.	2019 Legislative Package Coordination	<p>Copies of ACPS items were shared and the City package has been circulated.</p> <p>Would like the City to align with certain items: at-risk add on, VPI flexibility, continuing to appeal to the legislature about the school calendar issue. The calendar issue is very frustrating. Vice Chair Anderson wants to know if there is a way to ask for money for buildings by partnering with a college? Ms. Taylor gave an update on relevant items in the legislative packet. Internet sales for school construction.</p>	Ramee Gentry
e.	Facilities MOUs	No update	
f.	What are ACPS' Strategies for Improving Academic Achievement?	<p>Quarterly academic planning meeting with every school. Helping administrators by having central office work with them on how to achieve their academic goals. Mayor Silberberg said she would like to see early identification of students who struggle. Dr. Hutchings said that they are doing that now and that they are building more capacity for principals. Mayor Silberberg would like to add this as a standing item.</p>	Dr. Hutchings
g.	Mold at Mount Vernon Community School	<p>Last week there was a meeting with parents to talk about the water intrusion areas. Roof, walls and piping system. Have had two environmental assessments on the auditorium and a specific classroom. All the mold has been taken care of at this point. There is some additional structural work being done and they will have a community meeting on November 15.</p> <p>Mayor Silberberg wanted to know if schools knew about the mold over the summer? Ms. Anthony said not until September because of the rain. Mayor Silberberg also wants to know what communication</p>	Mignon Anthony

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	h. Update on Windscreens @ T.C. Williams Tennis Court	<p>is occurring with parents? Ms. Anthony shared they are giving weekly updates.</p> <p>Sections of are either torn or missing. Ms. Anthony said she will check on it.</p>	Mayor Silberberg

Next meeting: November 26, 2018 at City Hall, Council Workroom