

City Council School Board Subcommittee Meeting Notes

October 23, 2023

Attending:

Justin Wilson, Mayor (Virtual)
 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 (Virtual)

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

Dr. Alicia Hart, ACPS (Virtual)
 Laura Durham, RPCA
 Yon Lambert, CMO (Virtual)
 Emily A. Baker, CMO
 Sermaine McLean, CMO
 Joanna Anderson, CAO (Virtual)
 Carmen Sanders, ACPS (Virtual)
 Dr. Pierrette Finney, ACPS (Virtual)
 Katherine Carraway, P&Z
 Julia Burgos, ACPS (Virtual)
 Robin Crawley, DCHS (Virtual)
 Annette Haggray, Provost, NVCC
 Dr. Anne Kress, President, NVCC

Dana Wedeles, CMO
 Randy Little, RPCA
 Erika Gulick, ACPS (Virtual)
 James Spengler, RPCA
 Kate Garvey, DCHS (Virtual)
 Dominic Turner, ACPS (Virtual)
 John Porter
 Kamika Valmond (V)
 Dr. Marcia Jackson (Virtual)
 Sarah Taylor, CMO
 Kennetra Wood (Virtual)
 Steve Patterson, NVCC

Item No.	Agenda Item Description	Discussion/Follow Up/Action	Responsible Party(ies)
I.	Approval of Meeting Summary 9.18.2023	No Quorum. Meeting Summary deferred to 11.27.2023.	
II.	Major Projects:		
	a. High School Project	On September 21 recommendations were presented to the School Board regarding the high school project which included implementation of small learning communities, organization of existing courses in the program of studies into academies and pathways. The draft program of Studies was presented to the School Board on October 19. There were five academies that were presented, other recommendations included development of the master schedule, maintenance of the current ACHS branding kit, and the development of a comprehensive communication plan to include	Dr. Pierrette Finney

		<p>updates surrounding educational programming and construction.</p> <p>ACPS held a community meeting on October 16 for the High School Project to provide updates on construction and the educational program. At this time additional meetings have been scheduled for October 26 and February 15. They will also provide newsletter and website updates.</p> <p>Construction is on schedule and ACPS is in the final stages of negotiating the guaranteed maximum price amendment. The building is now energized. Trailers will begin to move offsite as work begins on the interior and the garage will be installed.</p>	<p>Erika Gulick Dr. Alicia hart</p>
	b. Facility Assessment/CIP Planning	<p>ACPS continues to finalize their CIP Process. The Superintendent will propose the CIP Budget to the School Board on November 2. More information will be shared during that presentation.</p> <p>An update on the K8 Analysis will be provided throughout the process since the analysis has not been completed at this time.</p>	<p>Dr. Alicia Hart</p> <p>Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt</p>
	c. Budget Update	<p>ACPS is currently working on the Proposed Budget for FY 2025.</p>	<p>Dominic Turner</p>
	d. Legislative Package	<p>ACPS has put out an RFP for a lobbyist which closes on November 1. They tweaked their Legislative Package from last year and will present it to the school board.</p> <p>The City's process for this year has been a little delayed on purpose since it's an election year. We are looking at possibly 40 to 50 new General Assembly members this year. The City's Legislative package will not be considered by the City Council until December</p>	<p>Michelle Rief, ACPS Chair</p> <p>Sarah Taylor, Legislative Director</p>

		and will be crafted around City Council Priorities, which include pieces that align with ACPS. This will allow enough time to meet with the Legislative Subcommittee and staff to make sure we are talking about the same things based on the composition of the General Assembly.	
	e. Amazon/ VA Tech	<p>Our teachers are engaged with them working on the development of a Computer Science Tool Kit, as well as working with Code VA. On October 30 our middle school students will be able to work with the Noble Tour to learn about STEM, computing jobs, and other hands-on tools related to forensic science, life science, and innovative momentum.</p> <p>ACPS is working with Amazon and VA Tech on several events this fall: STEM Discovery Fair at Hammond Middle School, VA Tech Open House for ACHS students, VA Tech Pre-College Institute for middle and high school students, and a Virginia Tech Festival for students of all ages.</p>	Dr. Pierrette Finney
	f. Safety and Security	<p>The SLEP 2.0 Committee consists of two representatives from the City Council, the School Board, and one staff member from the City and Schools. The first meeting was held last month, and our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday.</p> <p>This group is continuing the work of the previous committee and looking at various models, and homing in on the triad model to see where we go from there.</p> <p>During the meeting, we will go over best practices and how to evaluate the program. We will also determine when we will have the final meeting for 2023.</p>	Dr. Alicia Hart Yon Lambert

	g. Collective Bargaining	<p>A School Board Collective Bargaining Committee was formed, and it includes five members. They are working with the superintendent to create a Collective Bargaining Resolution. Once that is completed it will be presented to the entire School Board and an opportunity for the community to weigh in and provide input.</p> <p>The goal is for this to be implemented in FY 2026. Mayor Wilson asked that language be included to ensure that the city is integrated into the process.</p> <p>Dr. Kay-Wyatt will reach out to Mr. Parajon if any questions come up throughout the process.</p>	Michelle Rief, ACPS Chair
III.	Other Discussion Items		
	a. Northern Virginia Community College Presentation	A presentation was provided to the CCSB to provide information about the various degrees and programs that are offered at Northern Virginia Community College.	John Porter Annette Haggray, Provost, NVCC Steve Paterson, NVCC Dr. Anne Kress, President, NVCC
	b. Update on Teacher Staffing	ACPS currently has 49 vacancies (two are in the process of being filled). The number of vacancies is also fluctuating due to resignations and retirements. We continue to promote while in the community as well as attending job fairs.	Kamika Valmond
	c. Staggered Term Elections	Since ACPS will not be pursuing an accelerated timeline for this, they will be able to continue to do community engagement and get some more ideas of how to proceed going forward.	

Next meetings:

- **Wednesday, November 1, Joint City Council School Board CIP Work Session**
- Thursday, November 2, School Board Meeting: Presentation of Superintendent’s Proposed FY 2025-2024 CIP Budget
- Saturday, November 4, City Council Retreat – Douglas MacArthur

- Monday, November 27, CC/SB Subcommittee - ACPS
- Monday, January 22, CC/SB Subcommittee - City Hall, Council Workroom