

**City/School Board Subcommittee Meeting**  
**Monday, April 29, 2024**  
**5:00pm**

**Attendees:**

Justin Wilson, Mayor  
 John T. Chapman, Councilman  
 Dr. Michelle Rief, Chair, Alexandria City School Board  
 Kelly Carmichael Booz, Vice Chair, Alexandria City School Board

Margaret Browne, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Julia A. Burgos, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Laura D. Durham, RPCA  
 Dr. Pierrette P. Finney, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Kate Garvey, DCHS

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

Dr. Alicia Hart, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Sophie Huemer, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Dr. Tricia Jacobs, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Yon Lambert, Deputy City Manager  
 Randy Little, RPCA  
 Marisol Morales, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Jane Richardson, ACPS  
 Taneika Taylor Tukan, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Dominic Turner, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Dana Wedeles, CMO

Item No.	Agenda Item Description	Discussion/Follow Up/Action	Responsible Party(ies)
<b>I.</b>	<b>Approval of Meeting Summary 02.26.2024</b>	<b>Approved</b>	
<b>II.</b>	<b>Major Projects:</b>		
	a. High School Project	<p>They reported that they received the temporary Certificate of Occupancy on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We're continuing to work on the site and getting furniture moved in, and relocation efforts will start in earnest in June. They will be do training at the facility. Looking forward to sharing the building with everybody.</p> <p>Our team will be working with the respective administrative assistants so we can get the city</p>	<p>Sophie Heumer</p> <p>Dr. Alicia Hart</p>

		<p>council a tour of the new building prior to a ribbon cutting event.</p> <p>We are continuing implementing and developing the master schedules as it relates to the academies. The Department of Teaching Learning &amp; Leadership have been working the Director of School Counseling at the high school along with Transportation and other departments to ensure that the teachers and students know their schedules.</p>	Dr. Pierrette P. Finney
	b. Facility Assessment/CIP Planning	We don't have any updates from ACPS side.	Dr. Alicia Hart
	c. Early Childhood Education	<p>From the DCHS report submitted in March 2024, on April 17th, ALX preschool was launched. Any family with the QR code can register for an early childhood experience.</p> <p>As the budget is up in the air, when we look at our enrollment with VPI, the increase in the match requirement to \$10,700 was made in the new budget. They can't make any decisions until they see that. If we look at different models to deal with that impact for us, one being the reduction of VPI slots, shifting some of the community-based slots over to "Mixed delivery by the state." The benefit of making this shift is two-fold – no match required for mixed delivery and the rate of reimbursement is much higher. It's 18,000 plus for community-based providers.</p> <p>She states that schools can't be mixed delivery. on the community-based side, yes, we really do want to drive toward that, but that's not a viable solution on the school-based side.</p>	<p>Kate Garvey</p> <p>Jane Richardson</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Out of School Time</li> </ul>	<p>We been allotment 569 slots for FY2025. The application for VPI is due May 15<sup>th</sup>. They can do projections but there's no consequence for projecting more slots. the first application is just a projection of slots for our four-year olds and three-year olds. We are staying within the numbers that they filled last year. We filled 411 slots last year, 405 by Oct. 1st &amp; added six more by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> which was the late enrollment.</p> <p>Highlights from the presentation includes: LINK Club program – this year by March, we had 354 participants out of 1,409 overall within the OSTP program. Over 52% of the participants paid the full rate. We are hoping that the number will go down because many of the participants will received financial assistance and are entering the program through LINK Club instead.</p> <p>Summer enrollment: back in March – we were at 768 but up to 851 and still growing. Pre-registration process is increasing successful.</p> <p>We did since last September is start an Onboarding Academy where we are hiring staff with that has little or no experience. We do a 2-week onboarding where they 2 days of classroom and 8 days of hands on training.</p> <p>There will be part of a hiring fair in May for 16 to 24-year olds.</p>	<p>Laura D. Durham</p> <p>Randy Little</p>
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		<p>We excited to share with you a sort of an abridge version of an update that we share with the school board last month about out of school time and a sustainability plan that we're working on for out of school time and some of the things that we're doing some long term planning.</p> <p>LINK Club forecast: How LINK Club is delivering comprehensive services, what we've learned about the needs here for out of school time programming in Alexandria city, and finally, how our sustainability planning efforts are taking shape.</p> <p>SY 2022-23 Impact*– 493 Elem, Middle and High School students participated in VDOE Link Club sites. 2205 House of academics support 94% showed increased in learning while 68% demonstrated improved attendance during the school day. 77% of students attended 90 hours or more of programming throughout the year.</p> <p>Scenarios for Exploration: Rightsizing LINK Club, Expanding division-wide LINK Club OST Program and Redesigning LINK Club for wider participation through fee structure</p> <p>The CM suggests that we can come back. Dr KY and I can get together and strategize about how to follow at least the core of the Early Learning Model, and put something for reconsideration about how we would approach this jointly.</p>	<p>Julia Burgos</p> <p>Taneika Taylor Tukan</p> <p>Marisol Morales</p> <p>Jim Paragon</p>
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	<p>d. Budget Update</p>	<p>The City Manager noted that we are scheduled to adopt our budget on Wednesday evening (May 1<sup>st</sup>). On the operating side, an additional \$4,000,000 appropriation of the school board and on the capital side, additional \$4,700,000 devoted to school funding.</p> <p>Hopefully, we'll have a state budget by May 15<sup>th</sup> at the latest but it could all the way to June 30<sup>th</sup>. We are confident in our state revenue projection. From the Governor's proposed range, we'd be \$2.7 million less, to general assemblies approved, we'd be 1.7 million to the good.</p>	<p>Justin M. Wilson</p> <p>Dominic Turner</p>
	<p>e. Shared Operations</p>	<p>The three priorities that were identified last May that we work together on shared operations, real estate, youth employment and human resources. Real Estate – no big update. We are waiting until the transportation study is complete, and then we can discuss facility and fleet needs. This plan is expected to staff in June, then we can start discussing it in the fall.</p> <p>In HR, we have been continuing conversations between the two HR departments. Areas to highlight - RPCA held a job fair in April and promoted ACPS opportunities at the job fair. ACPS is working on instructional hiring fair for May 10<sup>th</sup>. We've also just identified there's a strong need in special needs and therapeutic recreation in both areas. Recruitment at the community cookouts for both organizations.</p>	<p>Dana Wedeles</p>



	<p>f. Amazon/VA Tech</p>	<p>certification that is needed in our community, as well as pairing for an event planning with culinary marketing and hospitality.</p> <p>VA Tech have worked with us in a computer science cohort. This year, our teams of teachers from ACPS has completed their final training session for the year, and they highlighted meaningful integration of computer science, computation and technology for K through 8th students. Also, two of the teachers were selected to present at a conference this summer. Virginia Tech has also partnered with us on the US drone soccer team competition that was held this Saturday.</p> <p>Earlier in this school year, Amazon provided us with a grant for building momentum field trips. Finally, we are in the planning stages of collaborations with Amazon career externship that would hopefully take place this summer.</p>	<p>Dr. Pierrette P. Finney</p>
	<p>g. Safety and Security</p>	<p>Two quick updates from the ACPS side. We are working on finalizing our presentation as it relates to weapons abatement. Had a recent survey. The results are in - the plan is to present that information to the board in later May, and we'll make sure to share all the information with the city as it relates to the future of the weapons abatement program within ACPS.</p>	<p>Dr. Alicia Hart</p>

	<p>h. Collective Bargaining</p>	<p>The second update is in regards to our team working with APD to restart our Bradlee (Shopping Center) walkthroughs.</p> <p>We also had our last meeting with the Slept 2.0 subcommittee. Dr Hart and I expect to have a wrap up report out to the school board and to the council by the end of the school year. The subcommittee made nine specific recommendations to the MOU. They are recommending that we do a couple of surveys: a pulse survey next year and then a more formal survey.</p> <p>Since the last joint City Schools meeting, the Board adopted a collective bargaining resolution on May 21<sup>st</sup>. They are moving into the phase of needing to verify the 30% showing. Then they'll be able to share out a timeline for election of exclusive representative.</p> <p>I went to lunch, I saw that we had somebody out at our cafeteria at gatehouse talking and collecting cards. Fairfax is going through that same process, and what they've done, they actually have kind of a united front by multiple unions that have kind of joined to work together to kind of move things forward. Is that a possibility?</p> <p>We've had interest from the Education Association of Alexandria, that's the only entity that's come and shown interest so far. But if they have the appropriate showing and we move into an election, then the law or the</p>	<p>Yon Lambert</p> <p>Michelle Rief</p> <p>John T. Chapman</p> <p>Michelle Rief</p>
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