

# Budget Advisory Committee

April 9, 2019 7PM

Location: George Washington Middle School Media Room

## Minutes

### Approval of Agenda – April 9, 2019

- Staff Report
  - Board approved use of Patrick Henry as swing space for elementary modernization for a 2 year time frame. Will be used for the Douglas McArthur swing space as its much larger than the other elementary schools. Easier to find other open market space for other schools when then start modernization. Saves a significant amount of \$6.5 per year for 4 years, \$6M to fix PH for this time frame. Impacts recreation spaces that PH thought they would have.
  - April 5 supt presented a board on the topic of bringing custodians back on staff vs outsourcing. Illustrated the impact on the budget, largely impacting the market rate adjustment for remaining staff by 50%. Question was asked whether the teachers were asked whether they want to give up their MRA in lieu of outsourcing the custodians. 50% more for in house custodians. Question – how was the attrition plan approved in 2007 ignored and how did no one know about it. The amount of superintendent and senior staff and facilities staff turn over contributed to this. How do we put governance structure in place to ensure this does not happen again? Audits as a way to overcome this.
  - GFOA provided feedback on ACPS's budgeting practices being high standard. GFOA incentivizing schools to marry budgeting with the academic achievement. ACPS needs to build this material into our budget materials and process.
- Student Representative Report/Discussion
- BFAAC Meeting Report
  - Productive meeting, reinforced how much progress has been made in the city and school staffs working together.
  - Check on the calendars in Fairfax etc on whether school board / govt budget are done in sequence.
- Committee Leadership meeting report
- Benchmarking Project Update
- Committee Leadership for 2019 - 2020
- Walk on topics

### Adjournment

#### Budget Advisory Committee Members

Janine Rubitski (Chair)

Erin Dahlin

Chuck Lunati

Lillian Vagnoni

Sukumar Rao  
Chris Ricks  
Sean McEneaney  
Emily Swenson Brock  
Nancy Drane  
Michael Austin - Student  
Scott Laane - Student

**ACPS Staff Liaison**

Robert Easley, Acting Budget Director  
Dominic Turner, Acting CFO

**School Board Liaison**

Ramee Gentry

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