

City Council School Board Subcommittee Meeting Notes

February 27, 2023

Attending:

Justin Wilson, Mayor
 John T. Chapman, Councilman
 Amy Jackson, Vice Mayor (Alternate)
 Meagan Alderton, Chair, Alexandria City School Board
 Jacinta Greene, Vice Chair, Alexandria City School Board

Morgan Routt, OMB (Virtual)
 Joanna Anderson, City Attorney
 Dr. Alicia Hart, ACPS (Virtual)
 Dominic Turner, ACPS (Virtual)
 Jack Browand, RPCA (Virtual)

Sermaine McLean, CMO
 Dr. Wendy Gonzalez, ACPS (Virtual)
 James Spengler, RPCA
 Alexandria Carroll, TES (Virtual)
 Yon Lambert, CMO

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

Item No.	Agenda Item Description	Discussion/Follow Up/Action	Responsible Party(ies)
I.	Approval of Meeting Summary 1.23.2023	Approved.	
II.	Major Projects:		
	a. High School Project	The Minnie Howard redevelopment project continues. The team held a virtual community meeting on January 13, 2023 to provide an update on the design, construction timeline, and site logistics. There are currently two cranes onsite laying steel in multiple building areas. Interior partition layouts, preparation for above ceiling utilities and spray fireproofing has begun. Submittals and fabrications are ongoing for all upcoming work. Concrete is being poured at various locations on the site and the contractor has been approved for extended work hours, and extensions will be requested as needed. The project remains on schedule.	Dr. Alicia Hart
	b. Facility Assessment/CIP Planning	City and ACPS continue to work towards a May/June Joint Work Session on Facilities and Shared Services in order to coordinate the FY25 budgeting process.	James F. Parajon Dr. Alicia Hart

		<p>ACPS typically brings projections and student generations in to the CCSB in March. ACPS and City staff have a meeting on student generation scheduled for later this week. An enrollment projection will also be brought to the CCSB in March or early April. Student generation may need a bit longer and is expected to be presented later in the spring.</p> <p>Mayor Wilson asked that date for the May/June Joint Work Session be scheduled as soon as possible and that materials for this meeting go out well in advance of the meeting. He also mentioned that City Council recently approved the Samuel Madden Redevelopment and would like to have a conversation about attendance zones due to the demographic changes in the areas.</p> <p>At the last ACPS Board meeting, staff submitted a boundary analysis proposal.</p>	
	c. Budget Update	<p>Mr. Parajon will present the budget to City Council tomorrow. The budget includes some significant items which help to support both City and school initiatives. Mr. Parajon thanked staff and shared his appreciation of the efforts put into its creation.</p> <p>Dr. Kay-Wyatt also thanked and shared her appreciation for all the effort that was put into the development of the budget. The School Board voted on the Superintendent’s budget on February 16.</p>	James F. Parajon Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt Dominic Turner
	d. Amazon/VA Tech	<p>We continue to partner with VA Tech and a draft of initial plans for the remainder of this school year and next school year has been submitted to the superintendent and Mayor. This document is fluid and subject to change at any time. Dr. Kilcrest continually works with ACPS staff to get their computer science standards implemented across the</p>	Dr. Wendy Gonzalez

		curriculum. She will also be joining staff at the next principals meeting to work on their new instructional planning tool and how to get those standards across all curriculum throughout the division.	
	e. Safety and Security	<p>SLEP Recommendations will be discussed later this evening at the Joint Work Session with City Council.</p> <p>Councilman Chapman asked about the process for weapons abatement. Dr. Kay-Wyatt informed the CCSB that at the last School Board meeting staff provided a Part 2 Update to Weapons Abatement. On Friday, a survey went to the community about weapon abatement and once they receive the information, staff will come back and present an update of the survey data and next steps.</p> <p>The survey closes on March 8, the community, staff, and students (grades 6th to 12th) are encouraged to take the survey. Staff has proposed to pilot the Weapons Abatement Program at the middle and high school campuses. The data will be taken back to the board on March 16, upon approval staff will move forward with the vendor to get the equipment ordered and put in place in anticipation of launching the pilot program in May 2023.</p>	Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt Dr. Alicia Hart
	f. Collective Bargaining	No update.	
III.	Other Discussion Items		
	a. Upcoming Letters from Councilman Chapman	- Letter to Chamber of Commerce Staff – Award for Teachers: Would like to have a joint letter of endorsement from City/ACPS to have this award program started up again.	

		- Letter to ACPS to see if there can be future conversation about an education foundation which is separate from the scholarship fund.	
	b. ACPS/City Transportation (Jackson)	An update will be provided.	Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt
	c. McArthur Path to Chinquapin Park (Jackson)	The path/trail will still be there, but there will need to be some improvements to the terrain which is very steep.	Dr. Alicia Hart Jack Browand

Next meeting: Monday, March 27, 2023