

City Council School Board Subcommittee Meeting Notes

January 22, 2024

Attending:

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

Dr. Alicia Hart, ACPS
 Erika Gulick, ACPS (virtual)
 Yon Lambert, CMO
 Dominic Turner, ACPS (Virtual)
 Cheran Ivery, CAO

Dana Wedeles, CMO (Virtual)
 Kate Garvey, DCHS
 Dr. Pierrette Finney, ACPS (Virtual)
 Randy Little, RPCA (Virtual)

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

Item No.	Agenda Item Description	Discussion/Follow Up/Action	Responsible Party(ies)
I.	Approval of Meeting Summary 11.27.2023	Approved.	
II.	Major Projects:		
	a. High School Project	The high school project is moving along and is still on time and on budget. Plans are on track to have staff moved over in the spring to get ready for next school year. ACPS is currently in the process of negotiating their final contract amendment which will take them through Phase II of the project, which will include the demolition of the existing building, and installation of the turf fields. They anticipate this will be completed by the 2025/2026 school year.	Erika Gulick, ACPS Dr. Pierrette Finney
	b. Facility Assessment/CIP Planning	There are no updates for this item.	Dr. Alicia Hart
	c. Budget Update	There will be a CIP Work Session on February 28 and ACPS will be added to that.	James F. Parajon

		<p>The City has received and is evaluating the request that the School Board approved to be submitted. It is \$63.6 million above the funding guidance.</p> <p>ACPS is tracking what is going on at the General Assembly. The Governor’s proposed budget has an impact on ACPS, and we anticipate additional funding will be put into general education.</p>	<p>Dominic Turner</p>
	<p>d. Shared Operations</p>	<p>No update at this time.</p> <p>The real estate shared group committee are working and continuing to have conversations about opportunities to combine use in facilities or look at options from a very general standpoint.</p>	<p>James F. Parajon</p> <p>Dr. Alicia Hart</p>
	<p>e. Amazon/ VA Tech</p>	<p>Amazon in partnership with Reading is Fundamental (RIF) of NoVA has donated books to every Pre-K through 2 students in ACPS prior to the winter break. This donation was worth \$40K and the items were purchased through Scholastic Books. Amazon volunteers took the time to package the books and include encouraging notes, before delivering them to the schools.</p> <p>Amazon also funded a Stem experience at Building Momentum (\$87,230) to support all 8th graders along with ACHS Stem students.</p> <p>ACPS’ continued work with Virginia Tech surrounds three main goals for 2024:</p>	<p>Dr. Pierrette Finney</p>

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Making computer sciences Stem accessible for all K-12 students 2. Building new pathways for students to pursue their post-secondary goals 3. Collaborating with innovators to prepare more K-12 teachers, administrators, students, and families in a digital world. <p>Dr. Gilcrest from the Innovation Campus has been meeting bi-weekly with the Dept. of Teaching, Learning, and Leadership so that we can plan out events for 2024.</p>	
	f. Safety and Security	<p>The SLEP Subcommittee has had four meetings over the last several months. The staff is working on outcomes and specific recommendations for changes to the future MOU. We expect to have some updates in the next few months.</p> <p>The Subcommittee has been working closely with the ownership at Bradlee Shopping Center and have established a license agreement for a satellite office in the shopping center which will be helpful for Police presence moving forward.</p>	Yon Lambert Dr. Alicia Hart
	g. Collective Bargaining	<p>The ACPS Collective Bargaining Committee has met with legal counsel several times to go over questions about collective bargaining. ACPS staff and counsel are in the process of preparing a draft resolution which will be presented to the School Board Collective Bargaining Committee this Thursday at 6:30 p.m.</p>	Michelle Rief, Chair

III.	Other Discussion Items		
	a. JLARC K-12 Funding Formula Study	<p>ACPS has hired Advantus Strategies, and are currently working with Kathy Burcher and Lauren Gilbert to promote their legislative agenda in Richmond.</p> <p>Ms. Burcher provided an overview of the JLARC K-12 Funding Formula Study as well as brief update of Governor’s Youngkin’s proposed budget development.</p>	Michelle Rief, Chair
	b. Introductions	<p>Mayor Wilson introduced the City’s new City Attorney, Cheran Ivery.</p> <p>Dr. Kay-Wyatt introduced ACPS’ new Chief of Staff, Dr. Grace Taylor.</p>	

Next meetings:

- Monday, February 26, 2024 CC/SB Subcommittee – ACPS
- Monday, March 18, 2024 CC/SB Subcommittee – City Hall, Council Workroom
- Monday, April 29, 2024 CC/SB Subcommittee – ACPS
- Monday, May 20, 2024 CC/SB Subcommittee – City Hall, Council Workroom