

City Council School Board Subcommittee Meeting Notes

June 28, 2021

Attending:

Justin Wilson, Mayor
 John T. Chapman, Councilman
 Veronica Nolan, Vice Chair, Alexandria City School Board
 Meagan Alderton, Chair, Alexandria City School Board

Mark Jinks, City Manager
 Debra Collins, Deputy City Manager

Kate Garvey, DCHS
 Dr. Anne Gaddy, Health Dept.
 Erika Gulick, ACPS
 Dr. Julie Crawford, ACPS
 Margaret Orlando, RPCA
 Jack Browand, RPCA
 Jane Richardson, ACPS
 Laura Durham
 Shanel Hill
 Sophie Huemer, ACPS
 Sarah Taylor
 Mike Mackey
 Robin Crawley

Susan Neilson, ACPS
 Joanna Anderson, City Attorney
 Jeremy McPike, GS
 Dr. Alicia Hart, ACPS
 Morgan Routt, OMB
 Katherine Carraway, P&Z
 Dr. Terri Mozingo, ACPS
 Julia Burgos, ACPS
 Karl Moritz, P& Z
 Stephen Wilkins, ACPS
 Kendel Taylor
 Dominic Turner
 Stacy Hardy-chandler

Item No.	Agenda Item Description	Discussion/Follow Up/Action	Responsible Party(ies)
I.	COVID-19 Update	<p>The statistics have improved, currently at a low-level of transmission, the rolling daily average for the last seven days has been two. Positive tests are 1.1% and regional hospitalization is down about 92% to 95% from where they were in the spring.</p> <p>The vaccination rate is about 67% of the adult (over 18) population. The vaccination rate for the 12 to 19 year-olds is 57.6% for those who currently one-dose. The Teen Wellness Center began giving our vaccinations today to students (12 to 19 years old). AHD is also continuing to have smaller community events to offer vaccinations.</p> <p>ACPS and AHD are working together on a pilot program for screening and testing of asymptomatic students for summer school and classes in the fall.</p>	<p>Mark Jinks Dr. Anne Gaddy</p>

II.	Public Comment	None.	
III.	Approval of Meeting Summary 5.24.2021	Approved.	
IV.	Major Projects:		
	a. ACPS Fall Expanded Facility Needs	Staff met and determined that this request is no longer needed. A small group is still in place in case concerns arise later.	Debra Collins Dr. Alicia Hart
	b. High School Project	Continuing to work through critical design decisions, and working with DCHS to determine where ECE classes will go. During construction, the Minnie Howard field will not be in use. RPCA is working with ACPS to find alternate locations for activities that will require lights.	Erika Gulick
	c. Early Childhood Education	In March, the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation informed DCHS that in 2023 the <i>Smart Beginnings Alexandria</i> name is no longer available for us to use. The Smart Beginnings team met and took a look at some other options and were able to come up with a new name, <i>Kids First Years</i> . DCHS will be working to promote the new name. The Early Learning/Summer Education plan providers are gearing up. We have more than 125 extended day summer learning seats available. This is a large increase from last summer. Over 700 to 900 activity kits, which included, jump ropes, bubbles, and chalk, were sent out for the kids to remain active over the summer.	Kate Garvey
	- Out of School Time	Summer camps started today, and we currently have over 500 kids in our modified summer programs at the recreation centers and a few schools. There are 150 kids in the specialty camps (camps that run one or two weeks). We are following CDC guidelines and wearing masks.	Margaret Orlando

		On June 14 we began pre-registration for the fall, for people who may need fee assistance and added the eligible children to the system.	
	d. Budget Update	ACPS' final budget was adopted at the beginning of June. Staff is currently working on the ESSR 3 application for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding. There is a public hearing scheduled for August to get community input on how to use the ARP funds. City revenues are coming in as expected. We are beginning to budget for next year and our challenge will be City and ACPS debt service growth.	Dominic Turner Mark Jinks
	e. Amazon/VA Tech Update	Nothing at this time.	
V.	Other Discussion Items		
	a. Update on MacArthur Project	The buildings have been demolished. The team is working on site work as well as working with the City on permit approvals in preparation for excavation of the parking garage. Working on the foundation to grade permit and building permit and hope to have them released this summer. ACPS is still negotiating the final contract for construction The final full construction cost and schedule will be approved by the School Board in August/September.	Erika Gulick
	b. Discussion of Behavioral Health Support Initiative	Working on increasing support and intervention for students. Several positions are being recommended to support these efforts.	Kate Garvey
	c. Planning and Design of Pool	Working to narrow down pool options, there are currently three on the table. Want to make sure we provide a competitive pool. School and RPCA are looking at how the pool will be used by both groups.	Erika Gulick

Next meeting: Monday, September 27, 2021