

# City Council School Board Subcommittee Meeting Notes

May 22, 2023

## Attending:

Justin Wilson, Mayor  
 John T. Chapman, Councilman  
 Amy Jackson, Vice Mayor (Alternate)  
 Megan Alderton, Chair, Alexandria City School Board  
 Jacinta Greene, Vice Chair, Alexandria City School Board  
 James F. Parajon, City Manager  
 Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Superintendent

Morgan Routt, OMB  
 Dr. Alicia Hart, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Yon Lambert, CMO  
 Emily A. Baker, CMO  
 James Spengler, RPCA (Virtual)  
 Sermaine McLean  
 Joanna Anderson  
 Dr. Marcia Jackson (Virtual)  
 Sophie Huemer (Virtual)

Dr. Wendy Gonzalez, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Dominic Turner, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Erika Gulick, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Azjargal Bartlett, ACPS (Virtual)  
 Carmen Sanders (Virtual)  
 Dr. Pierrette Finney (Virtual)  
 Julia Burgos (Virtual)  
 Tarrence Moorer (Virtual)  
 Robin Crawley (Virtual)

Item No.	Agenda Item Description	Discussion/Follow Up/Action	Responsible Party(ies)
I.	Approval of Meeting Summary 4.24.2023	Approved.	
II.	Major Projects: a. High School Project	<p><b>Douglas McArthur:</b> Progress is being made on the site and exterior work. The field grading and bus loop have been completed. The seat wall, sidewalk, retaining walls, curb and gutter installations should be completed by the end of July. The roofing is completed, and the remaining building enclosures should be completed by the end of June. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for August 18 and the first day of school is August 21.</p> <p><b>Minnie Howard:</b> The structural steel work has been completed. Roofing and brick installation has begun. This site has an extended work hours permit and there are ongoing communications with the surrounding neighborhood to work being done.</p>	Azjargal Bartlett Dr. Alicia Hart

		<p>ACPS has also provided communications via text message.</p> <p>The High School Project Team is advancing its work on the educational programming and student experience. With the help of a consultant group, The Learner Center Collaborative (LTC) conducted a site visit on Tuesday, May 16 and Wednesday, May 17 to the middle schools and high school campuses. The team gained insight and feedback from student focus groups and met with the ACPS leadership as they are planning for the opening of the Minnie Howard Campus. LTC will return in June to review the action plan for staff members.</p>	Carmen Sanders
	b. Facility Assessment/CIP Planning	We are working to develop a schedule on how to move this to the next step based on the budget conversations we had at the joint work session last week.	Emily Baker
	c. Budget Update	We are monitoring what is happening at the state level. There has been some joint work on some grants and will keep the CCSB updated on the status of them in the near future.	James Parajon
	d. Shared Services	<i>Please see "Facility Assessment/CIP"</i> .	
	e. Amazon/VA Tech	ACPS continues to work with Amazon and VA Tech. Their current project is building Computer Science Champion Teams from each school. They will be working together with Amazon, VA Tech and Code VA to embed ACPS' computer science standards into their curriculum. The group will work on the project for about a week during the summer and continuously throughout the upcoming school year. The project is funded, which will allow for the teachers that assist to receive a stipend.	Dr. Wendy Gonzalez

f. Safety and Security	<p>The SRO MOU went forward at City Council Public Hearing in May and the School Board received some comments. The next step is for the MOU to be presented at the June 1 School Board meeting. Then it can be signed by both City Council and the School Board.</p> <p>City staff continues to work with ACPS on the timing of SLEP. The goal is to have it ready in the fall.</p> <p>Councilman Chapman inquired about a possible Stakeholder Group for Bradlee to discuss concerns regarding shortened flexible days for ACPS. Mr. Lambert assured the CCSB that City staff, APD, and ACPS are continually sharing information in regard to students towards the end of the school year. Although these meetings are not open to the public, there will be discussion on how to share the outcomes of these meetings with the public.</p> <p>ACPS is working with APD to schedule walkarounds in the Bradlee Shopping Center.</p> <p>The Weapon Abatement Pilot program is moving along well. Since the start of the pilot, the process time has been reduced by 20-minutes and the students are picking up on the process quickly. ACPS hopes to continue with the pilot over the next few weeks and throughout the summer. They will use the data that is collected to report to the School Board and have further conversations about the future of the program and provide recommendations.</p>	<p>Yon Lambert James Parajon Dr. Alicia Hart</p>	
g. Collective Bargaining	<p>This Thursday the School Board will have work session on collective bargaining and to address questions from the public.</p>	<p>Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt</p>	

III. Other Discussion Items	
a. Mentoring Partnership?	<p>Councilman Chapman has requested an update to see where ACPS and the City are in meeting the needs of the community for mentoring and tutoring.</p> <p>Dr. Kay-Wyatt will work with staff to put a presentation together.</p>
b. Recreation Staffing – Summer Programs	<p>Vice Chair Greene would like to know where the City is with staffing for the summer programs.</p> <p>There will be a virtual hiring fair this week, that is specifically for Parks and Recreation. We are still short on staff for our summer OSTP programs, but we are still ahead of last summer. The outdoor pool scheduling has been modified to help maintain the pools at a quality level.</p>
c. Draft Retreat Schedule	<p>Staff will come to the CCSB with a draft retreat Schedule in June.</p>

Next meeting: Monday, June 26, 2023