

# City Council School Board Subcommittee Meeting Notes

## April 25, 2022

### Attending:

Justin Wilson, Mayor  
 Amy B. Jackson, Vice Mayor, Alternate  
 Meagan Alderton, Chair, Alexandria City School Board  
 Jacinta Greene, Vice Chair, Alexandria City School Board (Virtual)

*John Chapman (Audience)*

James F. Parajon, City Manager  
 Emily Baker, Deputy City Manager  
 Dr. Gregory Hutchings, Superintendent

Kate Garvey, DCHS  
 Joanna Anderson, City Attorney  
 Azjargal Bartlett, ACPS  
 Margaret Orlando, RPCA  
 Jack Browand, RPCA  
 Laura Durham, RPCA  
 Sophie Huemer, ACPS  
 James Spengler, ACPS  
 Dr. Terri Mozingo, ACPS  
 John Finnigan, ACPS  
 Yon Lambert, T&ES

Susan Neilson, ACPS  
 Dr. David Rose, Health Dept.  
 Dr. Alicia Hart, ACPS  
 Morgan Routt, OMB  
 Katherine Carraway, P&Z  
 Julia Burgos, ACPS  
 Robin Crawley, DCHS  
 Robert Easley, ACPS  
 Dominic Turner, ACPS  
 Sermaine McLean, CMO

Item No.	Agenda Item Description	Discussion/Follow Up/Action	Responsible Party(ies)
I.	<b>COVID-19 Update</b>	In a medium COVID impact level, which we moved into due to increase in cases not severity of those cases. Hospitalizations and ICU stays are not dramatically elevated. Health department continues to promote vaccinations in the community and set-up sites at various locations and events.	Dr. David Rose
II.	<b>Approval of Meeting Summary 3.28.2022</b>	Approved.	
II.	<b>Major Projects:</b>		
	a. High School Project	On design, we are about 4 to 6 weeks out from 100% completion. For construction, mobilization has started and fencing is being put up and material staging has begun. The gravel parking lot is currently being installed southside of the current building for staff, due to the loss of parking on the lower side of the school.	Azjargal Bartlett
	b. Facility Assessment/CIP Planning	Dr. Hart and Ms. Baker have been meeting to refine the reporting process on CIP and planning and work on	James F. Parajon Emily Baker Dr. Alicia Hart

		<p>forecasting and projections of various needs of schools in the City. The process has been revamped in a positive way.</p> <p>City and ACPS staff continue to work towards improvement of collaborative processes and made minor adjustments to our continued planning and regular meeting agenda. Sharing best practices on both sides.</p>	
	c. Budget Update	<p>The City will hold their preliminary add/delete tomorrow night. There are a couple of amendments: 1. Follow-up to conversation on fund balance, 2. An add related to the presentation on Out of School Time, there was a contingency for funding to provide resources to support the overall out of school effort. 3. An addition which relates to funding of the Resources Officers, which will take the funds that was in contingency and appropriate it to the APD budget. This will take the policy decision of the SROs and where they work out of the budget process and will be a policy decision that the two bodies will work on together. After tomorrow's meeting we should have a tentative decision of what will be in the approved budget. Our final add/delete is next week and the adoption is on May 4.</p> <p>The superintendent will present his adjusted budget on May 5. Mayor Wilson would like to know at what point do things become challenging for ACPS when they do not know what State funding will look like. Currently, ACPS has a picture of the different formats that the budget could be. Based on projections, it could be +/- \$1M with State revenue depending on which direction they go.</p>	Mayor Wilson Dominic Turner
	d. Amazon/VA Tech Update	No Update.	
	e. Safety and Security	ACPS presented the School Board with a revised plan in regards to School-Law Enforcement Partnership (SLEP) Advisory Group and they received feedback from the Board at their March 10 meeting. They were given the green light to move forward with the work. The application process is out and encourage people to apply.	Dr. Gregory Hutchings

		<p>Vice Mayor Jackson would like to know if there will be a liaison for this group. Chair Alderton explained that they did not want to have any influence from elected officials, but regular updates will be provided. Dr. Hart did indicate that there is a spot for a City representative.</p> <p>Mayor Wilson informed the CCSB that Photo Speed Enforcement has been added to the City budget for five school zones.</p>	
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Other Discussion Items</b>		
	a. Safe Routes to School	<p>The CCSB has received a letter from PTAC regarding safe routes to school.</p> <p>The letter is related to an incident a few weeks ago near Jefferson-Houston, where a motorist jumped the sidewalk and struck a pedestrian.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Staff has been working closely with ACPS to make a number of continued improvements around schools. To date 100 of the 250 recommendations that were included the 2017 Safe Routes to School Audits have been completed. This year the City Manager included \$100K in the CIP for Safe Routes which would fund engineering, improvements and recommendations. There is a little over \$4M in the life of the 10-year plan, which will allow the City to address the concern of having funding in place.</li> <li>• Council approved a grant request to COG which will allow the City to conduct more audits. The City did receive the grant and anticipate doing the audits.</li> <li>• City Council made a recommendation in its Add/Delete that Transportation add a Project Manager position which will address some of the projects like this one.</li> </ul>	<p>Meagan Alderton Yon Lambert</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In regards to excessive speed, camera enforcement will allow staff to address. Earlier this year, State Legislation gave the City the ability to reduce speeds from 25 to 15 MPH. This has been an action item the City’s Vision Zero (there is no plan to reduce the speeds throughout the City). Looking at introducing slow zones primarily around schools and some residential areas. This will need to have enforcement to be effective.</li> <li>• Vice Mayor Jackson feels that enforcement needs to be done no matter what the posted limit is. She has not seen officers around the locations at the times when there are walkers going back and forth to school. Even with speed reduction, by law 15 MPH over the posted speed limit is considered reckless driving. She feels that this should be enforced sooner rather than later.</li> <li>• Vice Chair Greene would like to know if there is a requested timeframe to get the proposal back for crossing guards or should one be placed on it?</li> <li>• Chair Alderton feels that a realistic job description would need to be created and that work would need to be done for consideration in another budget.</li> <li>• Dr. Hutchings feels it would be better to do this when looking at employee compensation studies. This will give a better idea of what is needed and not just coupling it with other positions. He would like to hold off until the fall to begin a study to get the best scenario for this type of position.</li> </ul> <p>ACPS has a Safe Routes to School coordinator and would like to loop them into what the City is doing. They are also looking into if this is a grant-funded position and what will need to be done to make it permanent.</p>	
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Next meeting: Monday, May 23, 2022