

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS

MEETING AGENDA

October 21, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Yorktown HS, Cafeteria

A brief tour of the Yorktown HS courtyard precedes the regular meeting; please gather in the front entrance of the school at 6:45 p.m. The FAC meeting will be held in the cafeteria at 7 p.m., following the tour.

1. Welcome

2. Committee Assignments and Reports

- Projection/Capacity Subcommittee – Greg Greeley/Lionel White
- CCPTA – Don Weinstein
- MC/MM Program – Heather Obora
- Ashlawn ES – Kelly King
- McKinley – Scott Prisco
- New ES #1 – Ron Molteni
- Master Planning Committee – Hans Bauman

3. School Board

4. Project Updates – Scott Prisco

- Career Center
- Wakefield
- Yorktown

5. CIP Schedule / Process – Staff

6. Prioritizing Topics for the Year

- More Seat for Students, planning process leading up to 2014 CIP
- General Discussion

Upcoming Meetings:

- BLPC McKinley: Wednesday, October 22, 2013, 7:00 pm at McKinley ES, Library
- School Board meeting: Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 7:30 PM
- Budget Work Session: Tuesday, October 29, 2013, at 7:30, Rm. 101
- BLPC McKinley: Wednesday, November 5, 2013, 7:00 pm at McKinley ES, Library
- School Board meeting: Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 7:30 PM
- Next FAC meeting: **Monday, November 18, 2013**

**Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC)
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2013**

Members in attendance: Sally Baird, Hans Bauman, John Chadwick, Christian Dorsey, Laura Saul Edwards, Mike Freda, Greg Greeley, Eric Harold, Rebecca Hunter, Jennifer Jackson, Kelly King, Keith Klein, Greg Lloyd, Paul McAree, James Meikle, Ron Molteni, Heather Obora, John Peck, Scott Prisco, Erin Russo, Jason Rylander, Jeffery Turner, Janine Velasco, Don Weinstein and Lionel White.

1. Building Tour: John Chadwick led a tour of the recently completed Phase 3 additions to Yorktown High School. The FAC members were favorably impressed with the multi-use courtyard, which has already become a popular lunch venue for the students. It was noted that the courtyard is also a useful way to rapidly move between sections of the school, taking some of the load off the interior stairways and corridors.

2. Welcome: Chairperson Janine Velasco called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Yorktown cafeteria. She briefly welcomed the new members who had been unable to attend the September meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes: The draft minutes from the September 2013 meeting were approved without changes.

4. Committee Assignments and Reports:

Projection/Capacity Subcommittee: Greg Greeley provided an updated listing of FAC members who are serving as representatives to various APS schools:

Group	School	Focus	Assignment
MS	Swanson	MS Capacity	Kelly King, John Peck
MS	Williamsburg	MS Capacity	Greg Greeley
MS	HB Woodlawn	MS Capacity	Laura Saul Edwards
BLPC	ATS	BLPC Launch	Greg Greeley, Christian Dorsey
ES	Tuckahoe	MS Capacity	Ron Molteni
ES	Nottingham	MS Capacity	Laura Saul Edwards
ES	Jamestown	MS Capacity	Ron Molteni
ES	Taylor	MS Capacity	Rebecca Hunter
ES	Glebe	MS Capacity	Jayson Rylander
ES	McKinley	MS Capacity	Kelly King
ES	Ashlawn	MS Capacity	John Peck
ES	ASF	MS Capacity	Janine Velasco
ES	Key	MS Capacity	Rebecca Hunter
TBD	Oakridge	ES Capacity	

TBD	Drew	ES Capacity	Janine Velasco, Eric Harold
TBD	AMAC	ES Capacity	Janine Velasco, Eric Harold

In response to a question by Eric Harold, Greg provided a brief overview of the Ambassador program, noting its success during the 2012-13 school year in providing a information conduit between APS and the broader community on issues related to the More Seats for More Students program.

Lionel White outlined the recently obtained 30 September school enrollment numbers. He noted that enrollment was up system-wide by 700 students, for a 3.1% growth rate. These numbers were very close (99%+) to the projections for this year. Lionel also noted that the 10-year projections are in process.

Master Planning Committee: Hans Bauman provided a general update on this group’s activities. He stressed that no decisions have yet been made, nor are there any great secrets being withheld from the Arlington community. Their focus is on innovative solutions. It was noted that this group reports directly to the Superintendent, and not to the School Board. Janine suggested that the FAC was available as a conduit of communication between the Master Planning Committee and the APS advisory councils

CCPTA: Don Weinstein briefly reviewed the 16 September meeting. He noted that Cintia Johnson discussed the new unified ID badges for APS. The badges will have passive RFID chips placed within them and can be used for bus riding and other purposes. Dr. Murphy provided the CCPTA with the APS first day attendance numbers, discussed the dual enrollment program with Northern Virginia Community College, and stated that APS now has 2,392 teachers, which is up from last year. Finally, the new residency enforcement officer has ejected well over 80 students who, upon investigation, were found not to be eligible to attend APS. Don also stated that the CCPTA was meeting at Henry Elementary concurrent with the FAC this evening, and that in November—when both groups were again meeting on the same evening—he would be attending the CCPTA.

MC/MM Program: Jim Meike noted that the current number of items on the Minor Construction/Major Maintenance list is unusually small, possibly due to greater confidence in the APS long-range planning process. Many of the items relate to HVAC issues. Jim also reported that the newly hired APS security coordinator was primarily focusing on three items: the need for additional cameras in the schools, the use of radio communications during emergency situations (particularly in the high schools where there have been reception problems), and visitor management.

McKinley Elementary School: Kelly King said that the McKinley expansion was in the design phase. Factors being considered include preserving green space, room for sports, and natural sunlight. She noted that the contours of the site are somewhat limiting the design options. The PFRC is looking at the McKinley expansion and reviewing conceptual designs. Scott Prisco said that all the

primary stakeholders appear to be heading in the same directions with few hot issues. One change already being examined is shifting the drop-off area.

New Elementary School No. 1: Ron Molteni noted that the members of the BLPC had been considering issues related to outdoor lighting, but were unable to come to a consensus. The County Board has issued a User Permit. Underground wiring conduits will be installed under the new playing fields since they can be installed quite cheaply at this point. Whether they will be used for lighting wiring is a decision for the future. John Chadwick said that APS has been meeting with parents whose children will be attending the school, so that infrastructure, such as a PTA, can be in place when the school opens.

5. Project Updates: Scott reviewed the monthly project update report. Some of the items of note: for Wakefield, the new gym is about ready to open, the former swimming pool is being demolished, and work is well underway on the geothermal field. For Ashlawn, he noted that the permit has been issued allowing for the ground to be disturbed, meaning that significant work will begin shortly. For New Elementary School #1, the building permit approval is anticipated in January 2014.

6. CIP Schedule: John Chadwick will present the elementary school framework to the School Board on 24 October. The focus will be on improving capacity. He noted that the School Board is reassessing the schedule for building New Elementary School #2.

7. School Board Priorities: Arlington School Board members Sally Baird, James Lander, Abby Raphael, and Emma Violand-Sanchez attended part of the FAC meeting to discuss Board priorities. They began by thanking the FAC members for their hard work, noting that the Ambassador program has been highly successful in facilitating communication between APS and the Arlington community. Ms. Violand-Sanchez said that she was interested in input regarding educational greater interaction between APS high school students and Northern Virginia Community College and George Mason University.

The School Board's FY 2014 Priorities fall into five categories: Student Safety, Student Achievement, Accountability, Communication, and More Seats for More Students. The Board members distributed copies of the priorities to the FAC members, and briefly discussed the major items. They noted that they are communicating a clear message on the high school capacity issue: Arlington has neither the space nor the money to build a fourth comprehensive high school. Solutions to overcrowding in the high schools must not involve major capital construction or boundary changes.

The School Board members asked for questions. Greg asked if the Board had considered the public impact of delaying construction of New Elementary School #2. Ms. Raphael replied that the Board is revisiting the planning schedule, based on the most recent APS attendance numbers, to ensure that funding would be applied to the highest priority needs. She noted that the Kenmore tract was the largest county-held open space, and that the only type of elementary school that

would work at that location (due to the close proximity of an existing neighborhood elementary school) was a choice, rather than a neighborhood school. Jason Rylander asked for clarification on the status of the Wilson School building. Ms. Raphael discussed the County's plan to use that and adjacent sites for a mixed-use development. The Board members were also asked to clarify the status of Arlington's participation in Fairfax's Thomas Jefferson High School. Arlington will continue to send students to the school next year, while studying options for developing a secondary school STEM program for our own county.

8. More Seats for More Students Planning Process: John Chadwick attempted to "frame the framework" for the FAC. He discussed many of the factors going into the CIP planning process, such as the whole child concept, protecting the environment, smart growth, managing Arlington's debt, and the concept of schools as laboratories. He noted that many of the relocatable classrooms would remain for the foreseeable future, despite new capital construction at the elementary level. He further noted that the typical 4-Plex relocatable classroom structure has a three-year payback, making it financially advisable to purchase, rather than rent them.

9. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on 18 November 2013 at Arlington Traditional School.