

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS

MEETING AGENDA

March 10, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Randolph ES, Library

1. **Welcome**
2. **Approve Minutes**
3. **Review / Summarize Community Conversations & Twitter Town Hall**
4. **Committee Assignments and Reports**
 - Projection/Capacity Subcommittee – Greg Greeley/Lionel White
 - CCPTA – Don Weinstein
 - MC/MM Program – Heather Obora
 - McKinley – Kelly King
5. **Project Updates – Scott Prisco**
 - Ashlawn
 - Career Center
 - New ES
 - Wakefield
 - Yorktown
6. **Next Steps**
 - Review/Present Feasibility Studies
 - General Discussion

Upcoming Meetings:

- Budget Work Session #3, Rm. 101, Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 5:00 PM
- Budget Work Session #4, Rm. 101, Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 7:30 PM
- School Board meeting: Thursday, March 20, 2014, 7:30 PM
- School Board meeting: Thursday, April 3, 2014, 7:30 PM
- Joint School Board/County Board Budget Work Session, Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 7 PM
- Next FAC meeting: *Monday, April 7, 2014*

**Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC)
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2014**

Members in attendance: John Chadwick, Christian Dorsey, Laura Saul Edwards, Mike Freda, Greg Greeley, Eric Harold, Kelly King, Keith Klein, Greg Lloyd, Paul McAree, James Meikle, Ron Molteni, Heather Obora, John Peck, Scott Prisco, Natalie Root, Jason Rylander, Pam Silberstein, Meg Tuccillo, Janine Velasco, Don Weinstein, and Lionel White.

1. Welcome: Chairperson Janine Velasco called the meeting to order at 7:05pm in the Library at Randolph Elementary School. Janine welcomed Natalie Root as the newest member of the FAC.

2. Approval of Minutes: The draft minutes from the February 2014 meeting were approved without changes.

3. Project Updates: Scott Prisco provided the following items:

- Ashlawn Expansion: The steel is going up rapidly. A permit has been issued for the original plans. However, a use permit amendment is needed to remove additional trees. The County meeting for the use permit amendment will be held on March 15, 2014.
- New Elementary School #1: Bids from prospective construction companies were received and a selection was made. FAC members (and the general Arlington community) are invited to the groundbreaking ceremony on 19 March at 4:00pm at Williamsburg Middle School.
- Wakefield: The demolition of the former pool and gym is complete; only rubble remains to be cleared away. Work will soon begin on the new stadium stands and press box.
- Yorktown: In response to a question, it was noted that the recent Saturday morning fire at Yorktown High School was likely due to a problem with "heat trace wire" (which is used to keep pipes from freezing). A forensic fire investigator is conducting an investigation. The fire caused minimal damage.
- Claremont Bog: The Claremont building has a magnolia bog on the property. The area of runoff immediately before the bog is deteriorating and had been damaged by storm water runoff. Before the bog itself is damaged a remediation project is underway to protect this area.

4. Committee Assignments and Ambassador Reports:

- Don Weinstein had no CCPTA updates to report. He noted that in February the FAC and the CCPTA again met on the same night, and at the request of John Chadwick he had attended the FAC. He will be attending the CCPTA meeting on 17 March.
- Jim Meikle noted that FY-15 MC/MM funding would likely be in the range of \$6.6 million to \$7.5 million. Paul McAree noted an air quality problem at

Abingdon Elementary School. Jim responded that funds had been identified to take corrective actions.

- Kelly King and John Chadwick noted that a gallery walkthrough would be scheduled to familiarize the McKinley community with the planned expansion of the school.
- A compilation of public feedback from the recent open forums, compiled by the Reingold contractors, was distributed to the FAC members.
- Lionel White distributed copies of a document titled “County-Wide Student Generation Factor by School Level and Housing Unit Type”.

5. Review of Draft Presentation: The remaining portion of the meeting was devoted to reviewing a draft presentation by Scott Prisco that will be briefed to the School Board at their Work Session on 12 March. The presentation outlines the major capital options being studied to provide additional student seats. Scott began with brief introductory comments, including how to compare the building of new facilities with the expansion of current facilities.

The draft slides, as intended, generated extensive discussion by the FAC members, who asked questions, offered suggestions, and critiqued the presentation. Most of the comments focused on the study concepts not previously seen by the general FAC membership, including the concept for a Lubber Run Middle School, the creative design for space-locked Swanson Middle School, the design for a major expansion of the Career Center, and the unique design elements of a potential expansion of Randolph Elementary School.

The FAC discussed the best size for school expansions. APS Staff noted that the addition of 225 new seats was generally the “sweet spot”: fewer seats and the expansion was probably not cost-effective and more than 225 new seats would put most schools beyond the maximum size desired by the School Board.

Natalie Root questioned the need for outside consultants to help with the space planning. John responded that staff resources were already stretched to the limit, that the cost of the consultants was not exorbitant, and that the consultants brought in an independent perspective that carried extra weight and impartiality.

Don Weinstein, expressing the sentiment of other FAC members, complimented Scott and the team that prepared the presentation, noting that it set an excellent tone and was likely to be well received by the School Board.

6. Next Meeting: The FAC plans to meet next on 7 April 2014, tentatively at Swanson Middle School.