

# ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS

## MEETING AGENDA

April 7, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Swanson MS, Library

1. **Welcome**
2. **Approve Minutes**
3. **Membership**
4. **Master Planning Committee Update – Meg Tuccillo & Todd McCracken**
5. **Committee Assignments and Reports**
  - CCPTA – Don Weinstein
  - MC/MM Program – Heather Obora
  - McKinley – Kelly King
6. **Project Updates – Scott Prisco**
  - Ashlawn
  - New ES
  - Wakefield
7. **Next Steps**
  - Pre School Board work session presentation
  - General Discussion

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Joint School Board/County Board Budget Work Session, Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM – Rm. 101
- BLPC McKinley: Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at McKinley ES, Library
- CIP Work Session, Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, Rm. A/B
- PFRC McKinley: Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at McKinley ES, Library
- Budget Work Session #5, Rm. 101, Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 PM
- School Board meeting: Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 7:30 PM
- School Board meeting and Public Hearing on Proposed 2015 Budget: Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>
- Next FAC meeting: ***Monday, May 12, 2014***

**Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
April 7, 2014**

Members in attendance: Hans Bauman, John Chadwick, Laura Saul Edwards, Mike Freda, Eric Harold, Jennifer Jackson, Kelly King, Keith Klein, Greg Lloyd, Paul McAree, James Meikle, John Peck, Scott Prisco, Natalie Root, Erin Russo, Jason Rylander, Pam Silberstein, Meg Tuccillo, Jeff Turner, Janine Velasco, Don Weinstein, and Lionel White.

1. Welcome: Chairperson Janine Velasco called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Library at Swanson Middle School. Janine asked whether any member would come to the end of their maximum six years on the FAC this June—the answer was no.
2. Approval of Minutes: The draft minutes from the March 2014 meeting were approved without changes.
3. Project Updates: Janine asked that Scott Prisco defer the project updates to the May meeting.
4. Master Planning Committee: Todd McCracken and Meg Tuccillo, with input from Hans Bauman, provided an update on the activities of the Superintendent's Master Planning Committee (MPC). In order to increase community participation and obtain a broader range of inputs and analysis on particular topic areas, three Working Groups have been formed. Each Working Group has 20-25 members and two co-chairs, one of who is a senior APS officer. Each Working Group has a list of questions to study. Copies of the questions were distributed to the FAC members. It was noted that, although neither the MPC nor the Working Groups were expected to publish specific recommendations, their products would contain options that could eventually result in actionable steps.

The Working Group kick-off meeting will be on 8 April. As described in the hand-out:

Working Group 1 will focus on “the school day, the school year, and virtual learning: the opportunities and challenges for reinventing where and when students learn. The working group will explore the opportunities and practical challenges around options for reworking the traditional school day.”

Working Group 2 will examine “programs, choices and admissions policies: the challenges and opportunities for creating, reforming, and targeting distinct and rich educational opportunities in a full enrollment environment.”

Working Group 3 will investigate “partnerships and collaboration: exploring the opportunities and challenges of developing significant collaborations

with non-APS organizations to obtain mutual objectives, multiply APS resources, and expand opportunities available to our students.”

Several FAC members asked questions concerning the purpose and membership of these Working Groups. Todd noted that membership was by invitation only, with the MPC determining who would be invited to participate. He also noted that the MPC had determined that the members would not represent specific stakeholder groups. Some of the FAC members were dismayed that few FAC members, despite their role in the planning process and individual/group expertise, had been invited to serve on the Working Groups. Todd responded by promising to keep the FAC involved in the process.

#### 4. Committee Assignments and Ambassador Reports:

- Don Weinstein noted that the CCPTA’s March meeting had been cancelled due to snow.
- Jim Meikle had no MC/MM updates.
- Greg Lloyd provided an update on the activities of the Sustainability Advisory Council, one of the newer APS groups. The objectives of the SAC are to:
  - Provide outreach to the community
  - Consider policies and procedures with respect to environmental sustainability
  - Advise on energy and environmental curriculum in the Arlington Public Schools
  - Provide advice on management and conservation programs in the schools
  - Prepare an annual report

Greg noted that the SAC currently has three sub-committees: Energy and Water, Waste and Procurement and Curriculum and Outdoor Learning. He also described a July 2013 report from the SAC to Dr. Murphy that contained 14 recommendations, of which five are being explored.

- Kelly King said that preparations are underway for a “gallery walk” at McKinley Elementary School on 21 April that will show aspects of the expansion program to the school community. She noted that there has been some discussion at planning meetings of the need for improvements to the current building. Jim Meikle responded that while some enhancements were planned, the bulk of the work would be devoted to the expansion.

5. Review of Draft Presentation: The remaining portion of the meeting was devoted to reviewing a draft 2014 CIP presentation by Lionel White and Scott Prisco that will be briefed to the School Board at their Work Session on 10 April. John began with introductory comments, noting that the presentation was quite “information dense”.

The presentation outlined multiple capital construction scenarios, for School Board consideration, that would expand the number of seats available in APS, with a focus on defined critical needs. Four elementary school, five middle school, and one high school scenario were presented and discussed.

Similar to last month's pre-brief, the draft slides generated extensive discussion among the FAC members, who asked questions and offered suggestions on how to improve the presentation prior to the 10<sup>th</sup>.

The FAC also reviewed graphics illustrating how space is currently used at Washington-Lee High School during the school day. It was noted that if changes were made to how classroom space is utilized, the effective capacity of the school could be increased.

There was also a brief discussion, led by John, of how new construction could be accomplished within the permissible county debt capacity.

Meg asked for volunteers to attend a community forum scheduled for 23 April. Several FAC members said they could be there.

6. Next Meeting: The FAC plans to meet next on 19 May, at a location to be announced.