

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS

MEETING AGENDA

January 12, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Jefferson MS, Library

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Approve Minutes**
- 3. Committee Assignments and Reports**
 - Projection/Capacity Subcommittee – Greg Greeley/Lionel White
 - ACI – Rebecca Hunter
 - CCPTA – Don Weinstein
 - MC/MM Program – Heather Obora
 - TJ Workgroup – Greg Greeley/Janine Velasco
 - WRAPS – Kelly King/Heather Obora
 - Abingdon – Christian Dorsey
- 4. Project Updates – Scott Prisco**
 - Wakefield
 - Wakefield Bleacher/Concession Stand
 - Jefferson Waterproofing
 - Discovery Elementary School
 - Ashlawn Addition / Renovations
 - McKinley Addition / Renovations
 - Barrett HVAC
- 5. FAC Expectations**
- 6. Planning Process**
 - **Staffing**
 - **Input**
 - **Level of Analysis**
 - **Syntax / Definition**
- 7. AFSAP Outline / Discussion**
- 8. Madison/Reed/Langston - Opportunities/Conversation**

Up Coming Meetings:

- Public Hearing on Boundary Refinements at Selected N. Arl. Elementary Schools:
Thursday, January 15, 2015, 7:30pm
- Abingdon ES BLPC: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM, Abingdon ES
- Abingdon ES PFRC: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM, Abingdon ES
- School Board Meeting: Thursday, January 22, 2015, 7:30pm
 - Action Item: Boundary Refinements at Selected N. Arl. Elementary Schools
- Abingdon ES BLPC: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM, Abingdon ES
- School Board Meeting: Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7:30 PM
- Abingdon ES BLPC: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:00 PM, Abingdon ES
- School Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:30 PM
- Abingdon ES PFRC: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM, Abingdon ES
- School Board Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2015 at **8:00 AM**
 - Supt. FY 2016 Budget presentation & Budget Work session #1

- **Next FAC Meeting:** Monday, February 9, 2015 - Ashlawn

**Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC)
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2015**

Members in attendance: John Chadwick, Christian Dorsey, Laura Saul Edwards, Mike Freda, Greg Greeley, Eric Harold, Rebecca Hunter, Jennifer Jackson, Kelly King, Greg Lloyd, Miles Mason, Paul McAree, Jim Meikle, Ron Molteni, Heather Obora, Scott Prisco, Jason Rylander, Bill Schimmel, Meg Tuccillo, Janine Velasco, Don Weinstein and Lionel White.

1. Welcome: Jason Rylander opened the meeting at 7:00pm at Jefferson Middle School. He noted that there was a full agenda to work through.

2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the November 2014 meeting were approved without changes. It was noted that the FAC did not meet in December due to an important WRAPS meeting on the same evening that the FAC was scheduled to meet.

3. Public Comment: Jason noted that Jesse Rosenthal, a parent from Tuckahoe Elementary School, wished to speak to the FAC on the subject of the five North Arlington planning units that may be rezoned; he was provided two minutes for his statement. Mr. Rosenthal expressed his concern that the Superintendent's Plan D would create "miserable" results, and urged for more data analysis before any decision is made. Mr. Rosenthal elected to remain to observe the FAC meeting.

4. Committee Assignments and Ambassador Reports:

- CCPTA: Don Weinstein noted that at their December session, the CCPTA listened to presentations describing the APS policy on gifts to employees, the APS budget process, and the boundary refinement process for selected North Arlington elementary schools.
- Projection/Capacity Subcommittee: The PCS report resulted in a lengthy discussion, which is outlined below in section 5 of these minutes.
- ACI: Rebecca Hunter noted that the ACI teams had finished their reports in December and were now determining their recommendations. In response to one of Rebecca's comments, John underscored the close connection between buildings and instruction.
- MC/MM: Jim Meikle said there was nothing new to report.
- Thomas Jefferson Working Group: Greg Greeley noted that the group's recent meetings have been "brutal" with a consensus all but impossible to obtain. One more meeting is scheduled, and then the working group will submit its final report to the county. Greg said that supporters of the park, many of whom live near the site, remain firm in their opposition to placing an additional school on the site.
- WRAPS: Kelly King noted that plans for the new school on the Wilson site are moving along, but other related decisions are still needed.

- Abingdon Modernization and Expansion: Christian Dorsey reported that the process is moving ahead smoothly.

5. Projection/Capacity Subcommittee and the North Arlington Boundary Refinement Process:

John said that work was underway on a plan to relocate selected APS programs, to improve the delivery of services to the students in those programs. Parents of effected students would be informed prior to any public announcements of the moves. Further, he could not inform the FAC of any specifics at this time, to the dismay of several attendees.

Kelly provided an overview of the North Arlington Boundary Refinement Process, which has the potential to affect five planning units: 1607, 1608, and 1609, which are roughly in the Westover neighborhood, and 1410 and 1411, which are roughly in the Bluemont neighborhood. The Superintendent's Plan D would move 1608 to McKinley in 2016 with children from the adjacent unit 1607 attending Nottingham. In Plan A, these units would have stayed together. The Superintendent's support of Plan D has generated anger from many of the affected families, who see their children being split from their neighborhood friends.

Lionel White said that the goal was to adjust boundaries to balance enrollment, which is necessary with the expansions at Ashlawn and McKinley and the opening of Discovery.

This led to an extensive discussion of the boundary refinement process and a comparison of Plans A and D. Rebecca urged that APS "do it right, rather than what is expedient". There was a suggestion that more relocatables be added to Tuckahoe. John responded that while the physical space may be there, it would go against County regulations. Ron Molteni offered that there would be community backlash if there was "tinkering" with the zoning process.

Jason said that he was uncomfortable in making any suggestions or recommendations when all of the information—in particular plans to relocate selected programs—was not available to the FAC. In response to a question from Jason, John confirmed that APS staff still supported Option D.

Janine Velasco suggested that while the Superintendent's recommended Plan D may do the best job of balancing enrollment of the impacted schools, variables such as the relocation of programs—which John stated he was unable to describe to us at this time—make it difficult for the FAC to provide an informed decision to endorse a plan. Other FAC members agreed with Janine.

Not hearing any motion or further discussion on the issue of boundary refinement, Jason moved to the next order of business.

6. Project Updates: Scott Prisco provided the following information:

--Wakefield High School: Work is wrapping up. The concession stand is on target.

--Jefferson Middle School Waterproofing: Work was delayed by the weather but is nearly complete.

--Discovery Elementary School: Construction is on schedule.

--Ashlawn Elementary School Phase 2: The renovated space in the rear corridor is open for use.

--McKinley Elementary School: The various permits are in process; bids will be received in March.

--Barrett Elementary School HVAC: Done.

--Arlington Science Focus School: The work to create new classrooms in a previously unused area of the structure will be going out to bid.

--Taylor Elementary School: A new roof will be installed by this summer.

7. FAC Expectations: Jason noted that although FAC members are selected by the School Board to represent the entire county and should take a broad view, there is no need to recuse yourself from discussions that involve the schools your children attend. Jason also wondered whether it was useful for the FAC to participate in the "Two Minute Public Comment" period at School Board meetings, even when invited by Board members. Don Weinstein suggested that if the School Board wished to hear from the FAC during the course of their meetings, they should provide a non-measured time period in which Jason or Kelly could do so, separate from the public comments—similar to how the School Board and the County Board hear from their staff and invited speakers. The other FAC members agreed with Don, adding that Jason and Kelly would not be speaking as private citizens, but as Board-appointed committee officers. There was also discussion of the role of Abby Raphael—the School Board's liaison to the FAC.

8. Planning Process: A new County/School joint facilities study group is being formed to build a framework for future countywide revenue and facility needs. Several FAC members have volunteered to serve on the group.

9. Madison/Reed/Langston Opportunities: Jason and John led a brief examination of these county facilities, and the possibility of leveraging each of them to serve APS.

--The Langston facility houses a high school continuation program and various county recreation, preschool and senior programs. Meg Tuccillo suggested that the site offered little potential for obtaining additional seats.

--The Reed site (a joint school/county facility) offers some possibilities, particularly since the Teen Parenting program has moved to the Career Center and the Children's School daycare program may be moved to a new location (although the window has passed for now to elect not to renew the lease). Classroom sizes may be a problem, however.

--The Madison site (which is controlled by the county), although previously considered unsuitable for APS for a variety of factors, may now be back in consideration, particularly as an interim site while other school facilities are built or expanded.

10. AFSAP: John discussed possible changes to the Arlington Facilities and Student Accommodation Plan (AFSAP) process, which is conducted in alternate years and in which the FAC participates. John would like to re-invent and modernize the process to increase collaboration with the County and better integrate with broader trends. He welcomed input from the FAC members.

11. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be at 7:00pm on 9 February 2015 at Ashlawn Elementary School.