

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS

MEETING AGENDA

May 11, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Wakefield HS, Room C223

Room C223 is located above Town Hall on 2nd floor

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Approve Minutes**
- 3. Master Planning Committee Wrap Up – Todd McCracken**
- 4. Membership**
- 5. Cohort Progression Discussion**
- 6. Washington-Lee Capacity Project Update – Scott Prisco**
- 7. Discussion of Interim and Permanent Measures to Address Growing Enrollment – John Chadwick**
- 8. Annual Report Discussion**
- 9. Committee Assignments and Reports**
 - Community Facilities Study – Jason Rylander/Kelly King/Greg Greeley
 - Projection/Capacity Subcommittee – Greg Greeley/Lionel White
 - CCPTA – Don Weinstein
 - MC/MM Program – Heather Obora
 - WRAPS – Kelly King/Heather Obora
 - Abingdon – Christian Dorsey
 - Wilson – Miles Mason
 - Stratford – Jeff Turner
- 10. Project Updates – Scott Prisco**
- 11. Wrap Up**

Up Coming Meetings:

- School Board Meeting: Thursday, May 7, 2015, 7:00 PM
- School Board Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 2015, 7:30PM
- Wilson BLPC: Wednesday, May 13, 2015, 7:00 PM, Wilson School
- Wilson PFRC: Thursday, May 14, 2015, 6:00 PM, Wilson School
- Stratford PFRC: Thursday, May 14, 2015, 8:00 PM, Wilson School
- Stratford BLPC: Monday, May 18, 2015, 7:00 PM, Stratford
- Wilson BLPC: Wednesday, May 27, 2015, 7:00 PM, Wilson School
- School Board Meeting: Thursday, June 4, 2015, 7:30PM
- Stratford BLPC: Monday, June 1, 2015, 7:00 PM, Stratford
- School Board Meeting: Thursday, June 16, 2015, 7:30PM

- Next FAC Meeting: Monday, June 8, 2015, Williamsburg MS

**Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC)
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2015**

Members in attendance: Benjamin Burgin, John Chadwick, Gerry Collins, Laura Saul Edwards, Mike Freda, Greg Greeley, Eric Harold, Kelly King, Greg Lloyd, Miles Mason, Paul McAree, Scott Prisco, Jason Rylander, Bill Schimmel, Pam Silberstein, Meg Tuccillo, Jeff Turner, Janine Velasco, Lionel White and Collen Pickford.

1. Welcome: Jason Rylander opened the meeting at 7:00pm in room C223 at Wakefield High School.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the April 2015 meeting were approved without changes.
3. Master Planning Committee Report:

Former FAC and School Board member Todd McCracken discussed the Master Planning Committee Report and answered questions. He offered his perspective on how we got to where we are today and where can go from here. He said the project started because there was a need to look ahead into the future and to rethink the way we do things today.

As had been previously discussed by the FAC, the report was not a series of recommendations, but instead consisted of ideas to explore and possibly develop into a plan for action. To move forward, three working groups were formed. To Todd, the most useful output of the report came from working groups #1 (which studied school day/year), and #3 (which studied partnerships). He felt both working groups offered information to support dynamic education for our students while improving facility use.

Todd indicated the next steps would be for the School Board to set priorities. All of the ideas require extensive development of work plans and community involvement. They also require dedicated resources. It might be a lengthy process but may have some really great benefits.

Todd believes that APS/Facilities understands the great sense of urgency but that APS/Instruction is not displaying similar concern. He suggested that we need to think about what we want and should offer as a school system in 10 years.

Todd hopes that this report would be an instigator to the School Board and senior leadership to dedicate resources to get ahead of issues, rather than being reactive. He used the 6th grade academy as an example of being reactive.

When asked how the FAC could help, Todd indicated it would be best for the FAC to reinforce the sense of priority to stay ahead of issues. Also, it would be

helpful if the FAC could tell the School Board what they believe APS should develop into a project.

Todd then answered a variety of questions posed by the FAC members:

- Jason asked if there was going to be a public meeting and/or School Board meeting to discuss this. Todd responded there was discussion about a School Board meeting on 11 June and whether that should be on the agenda. Details aren't known regarding follow up meetings.
- Laura Saul Edwards asked if Todd sees this intersecting with the Community Facilities Study Group, and whether there is a need to dedicate a senior staff member to this. Todd answered yes—this needs dedicated resources in order to move forward.
- Greg Greely made a brief statement about Instruction's sense of urgency. The group then discussed Facilities and Instruction working together better and driving to solutions to meet instructional and facility needs.
- Miles Mason asked if Todd had made a presentation to the Superintendent. Todd responded that he had, and will also be presenting at the CCPTA. He mentioned it is probably worth presenting to ACI as well.
- Pam Silberstein stated that she loved the first part of the report; she had been a member of the ACI and thinks that there would be a lot of acceptance for some of these recommendations because they provide more opportunities for the students.

4. FAC Membership: The FAC will have two openings for new members in the fall. APS has widely disseminated a public call for candidates. John Chadwick noted that there are some promising volunteers; he expects the School Board to make the selections at their next meeting.

5. Cohort Progression Discussion: Lionel White presented some details about the projections and how they are calculated. The FAC members asked questions that helped clarify the three-year rolling average and the live birth captures. The FAC then discussed the outside consultant's report that was recently done on our projection methodology, and ways that the County data can help refine APS projections.

6. Washington-Lee High School Renovations: Scott Prisco presented the briefing that he gave to the School Board on 9 April. He showed the details for the anticipated changes to the classrooms, teacher workspaces and common areas. He also discussed how the modifications were aimed to the specific needs of Washington-Lee. They also plan to remove some of the relocatables and increase ease of technology use. The project is currently out for bid.

7. Interim and Permanent Measures to Address Growing Enrollment: Jason mentioned that there was a School Board meeting tonight. He noted that the School Board was looking to pull together a group to study the proposed South Arlington Elementary School—a project that the Board remains committed to. John mentioned a decision would need to be made by the end of this calendar year for the school to be ready for the 2019 school year. He also mentioned the much-discussed County purchase of the Buck property on North Quincy Street and how the timing will not help address APS needs.

8. Committee Assignments and Reports: Due to the lateness of the hour, only a few brief updates were provided.

- CCPTA: No report (Don was unable to attend tonight's meeting)
- ACI: No report.
- Projection/Capacity Subcommittee: No report.
- MC/MM: No report.
- Discovery Elementary School: Scott noted that construction is moving ahead. The school should open on schedule in early September.
- WRAPS: There was a brief discussion of the guiding principles given to APS. Kelly feels strongly that the BLPC and PFRC should review these so that those two entities stay on the same page.
- Abingdon Modernization and Expansion: The School Board recently approved the schematic design.
- Wilson and Stafford: the BLPCs are progressing; both liaisons (Miles and Jeff Turner) mentioned that traffic and parking will be challenging.

9. Next Meeting: The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 7:00pm on 8 June 2015 at a location to be announced.