

DVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS

MEETING AGENDA

June 8, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Williamsburg MS, Library

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Approve Minutes**
- 3. Year End Report**
- 4. AFSAP – General Discussion**
- 5. Update for Elementary School for South Arlington**
- 6. Update for Middle School Interim**
- 7. Discuss Civic Federation Committee Report**
- 8. Committee Assignments and Reports**
 - AFSAP – General Discussion – Lionel White
 - 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
- 9. Project Updates – Scott Prisco**
- 10. Stratford Guiding Principles**
- 11. Wrap Up**

Up Coming Meetings:

- Wilson BLPC: Wednesday, June 10, 2015, 7:00 PM, Wilson School
- School Board Meeting: Thursday, June 11, 2015, 7:00 PM
- Stratford PFRC: Thursday, June 11, 2015, 6:00 PM, Stratford School
- Wilson PFRC: Thursday, June 11, 2015, 8:00 PM, Stratford School
- Stratford BLPC: Monday, June 15, 2015, 7:00 PM, Stratford
- School Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 2015, 7:30PM
- Wilson BLPC: Wednesday, June 24, 2015, 7:00 PM, Wilson School
- Stratford BLPC: Monday, June 29, 2015, 7:00 PM, Stratford
- Wilson PFRC: Thursday, July 16, 2015, 6:00 PM, Wilson School
- Stratford PFRC: Thursday, July 16, 2015, 8:00 PM, Wilson School

Thank you and have a great summer!

**Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC)
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2015**

Members in attendance: Ben Burgin, Gerry Collins, Laura Saul Edwards, Greg Greeley, Jennifer Jackson, Kelly King, Greg Lloyd, Miles Mason, Paul McAree, Ron Molteni, Heather Obora, Scott Prisco, Abby Raphael, Jason Rylander, Bill Schimmel, Meg Tuccillo, Jeff Turner, Don Weinstein and Lionel White.

1. Welcome: Jason Rylander opened the meeting at 7:00pm in the Williamsburg Middle School library. Scott Prisco represented APS Facilities and Operations (F&O) in the absence of John Chadwick.

2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the May 2015 meeting were approved without changes. Don Weinstein thanked Kelly King for taking detailed notes in his work-related absence.

3. Membership Changes: Jason said this was his final FAC meeting. The School Board has appointed Kelly King as the new chair, and Miles Mason as the new vice chair. Jason noted that the following individuals have been appointed by the School Board to serve on the FAC for the 2015-16 school year: Thomas Jensen, Lois Koontz, Steven McGuire and Stacey Snyder, who were selected from a large group of applicants.

Don offered a motion to thank outgoing members Jason Rylander, Jennifer Jackson, Janine Velasco, and Rebecca Hunter for their outstanding work on the FAC. The motion was approved by acclamation followed by a round of spirited applause.

4. Review of FAC Year End Report for 2014-15: Jason noted that each member had received an electronic copy of the final draft of the year end report, plus several earlier drafts for their review, input, and comments. Don thanked Ben Burgin and Scott Prisco for providing the photographs that livened up the report. The following members provided significant contributions to the report: Greg Greeley, Kelly King, Jim Meikle, Heather Obora, Jason Rylander and Don Weinstein. It was noted that this was the first FAC year-end report that addressed sustainability issues, thanks to input from Greg Lloyd.

The FAC members unanimously approved the document as their final report to the School Board for the 2014-15 school year. F&O will provide their written comments to the various sections of the report. Jason and Kelly will then formally present the report to the School Board on 16 June. Don was thanked for his hard work in combining the various draft sections into a coherent and informative report.

5. AFSAP: Jason reminded the members that this is the year that the Arlington Facilities and Student Accommodation Plan (AFSAP) is scheduled to be prepared. He noted that the FAC has not yet seen a draft. Lionel White

explained that the study, which will be about 100 pages in length, is currently being prepared. He said that the report will largely be based on the enrollment spreadsheet, and distributed copies of the spreadsheet to the FAC. He noted that the ultimate purpose of the AFSAP is to inform decision-making by the School Board and APS staff. Lionel will submit the plan to the School Board in August.

Several members, including Miles and Kelly, asked questions about the spreadsheet and offered suggestions intended to make it more useful. Specifically, the FAC hopes that future versions of the enrollment spreadsheet will be modified to better show what is in each school and how each building is being used, inclusive of all programs.

6. Update on Elementary School for South Arlington: Greg Greeley has been appointed as the chair of a new working group focused on analyzing site options for a new elementary school in south Arlington. This group will include representatives from south Arlington PTAs and other community groups. Their goal is to determine, working in coordination with the Community Facilities Study and the County, a suitable location by December 2015 so that a new school can open in 2019. Eric Harold is the FAC representative to the working group. The group will present its findings to the School Board by 5 November 2015. In response to a question from Laura Saul Edwards, Greg said that the School Board has determined that it will be a neighborhood school.

7. Update on Middle School Interim Seating: APS has scheduled community forums on 15 June and 17 June to discuss options to provide interim seating for Swanson and Williamsburg Middle Schools, both of which are overcrowded. Meg Tuccillo said that APS is looking for approaches to provide more seats until a new middle school is built at the Stratford site. The two major options are to house 6th graders at the Reed and Madison sites, or to create clusters of relocatables. Miles suggested there should be more than two community forums. Scott responded that two should be sufficient, but that more could be scheduled if needed. Laura suggested that there should be more publicity for the forums. Kelly reminded everyone that these meetings would focus on short-term options.

8. Civic Federation Committee Report: Jason asked whether the members had read the recent Civic Federation Committee report, which challenges APS' enrollment projections as being too conservative. He said that the report is interesting and has generated many comments throughout the community. Greg Greeley spoke about the history of enrollment projections, and suggested that the Civic Federation is likely trying to generate discussions rather than insisting that their projections are best. Gerry Collins found the structure of the report difficult to follow. Lionel White, who builds APS' enrollment projections based on a variety of demographic-related sources and statistical techniques, said that he appreciates community input, and noted that, as with most projections, the numbers can change due to a variety of factors ranging from mortgage interest rates to the results of the next general election. APS is not expected to formally respond to the report. Abby Raphael noted that the School Board has repeatedly looked at cost drivers and sustainability factors.

9. Committee Assignments and Reports:

- CCPTA: Don briefly reviewed the meeting held on 18 May. He noted that Chris Ditta has been elected as the CCPTA chair for 2015-16, replacing Ted Hayes, who has completed his work on the CCPTA.
- ACI: No report.
- Community Facilities Study: Jason said that work is continuing, with the group looking at every piece of land. Kelly observed that she has been encouraged by their progress.
- Projection/Capacity Subcommittee: Greg Greely briefly discussed the student generation factor maps (“heat maps”). Lionel said that he would send copies to the members.
- MC/MM: Heather Obara noted that money was being spent. She and Jim Meikle will provide a more detailed report in September. In response to a question, it was noted that most MC/MM expenses would be paid from the operating fund, but that some would be funded from bond money.
- Discovery Elementary School: Scott noted that construction is moving ahead. In response to several questions, he stated that the school would open on schedule in early September, although there is still a lot of work to be completed before then.
- WRAPS: Heather provided candid observations on the work of this group, which led to a spirited discussion. Several individuals noted that the team went off in many directions, and was hindered by apparent decisions made outside of the group. There was concern that some of the site plans show the new Wilson School on Wilson Boulevard, which is not APS’ preferred location. It was also noted that a WRAPS conceptual plan has been developed.
- Wilson Site: Miles Mason, as the FAC representative to the APS Wilson Site Building Level Planning Committee (BLPC), continued the WRAPS discussion by noting that his group was moving ahead to narrow options. He noted that the BLPC was working closely with the architect on how the school should be sited on the property.
- Abingdon Modernization and Expansion: Scott noted that they are submitting an application for a use permit.
- Stratford Site: Jeff Turner explained that the work of the BLPC is currently focused on transportation issues related to the site. Some neighbors are firm that a new vehicle entrance should be built from Old Dominion Drive, as originally envisioned, while transportation consultants state that such a driveway would create major traffic tie-ups at the already-problematic “five corners” intersection, which is a short distance from the property. Laura offered her insights and observations. Besides transportation issues, there is continuing controversy over whether requests from the Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board to maximize the historic nature of the site would diminish its viability as a middle school. Abby noted that the School Board might schedule a work session to examine issues related to the Stratford site. She also said that the School Board has not, to date, discussed any issues related to the historic nature of the site.

10. Wrap Up: Don suggested that these minutes be electronically reviewed and approved by the current members, rather than waiting for the September meeting, when there will be a number of new members who were not present at this meeting. (This was the process used to approve the June 2014 minutes.) Hearing no objections, Jason approved the request.

Abby thanked Jason and Kelly for their strong leadership during the past year, and Jason and Jennifer for their six years of service on the FAC.

Several members offered suggestions for agenda items for the September or October meetings, including a briefing on LEED standards, what constitutes sustainability, and an overview of the BLPC process, all of which would be helpful for both our new and continuing members.

11. Next Meeting: The next meeting, which will kick off the FAC schedule for the 2015-16 school year, is tentatively planned for 14 September at 7pm at the Ed Center. All 2015-16 members will receive an e-mail from F&O sometime in August or early September with a firm date and location.