

2017 – 2018 BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Notes – Monday, November 6, 2017
Education Center, Room 101
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The meeting started at 7:08 PM.

1. Welcome
 - a. Thirteen members were present: Matt deFerranti, Jennifer Wagener, Ainsley Stapleton, Lars Florio, Michael Shea, Matt Hochstein, Robert Ramsey, Daniel Rosman, Heather Wathington, Lida Anestidou, Heather Jones, Cecilia Ciepiela-Kaelin and Christina Diaz Torres (via phone); APS staff member Leslie Peterson; and School Board Liaison Tannia Talento.
 - b. Tina Kuklenski-Miller (former BAC member) representing ACI
 - c. Steve Maguire as our liaison from the FAC
 - d. Josh Folb representing Arlington Education Association
2. Report from JFAC (Matt & Tannia)
 - a. Most recent meeting had a discussion on the charge for the working committee on the new high school (Career Center site)
 - i. County is reviewing the charge and editing, but not expecting major changes
 - b. BAC was asked to submit 2 names to serve on the working group – should hear back in the next couple weeks
 - c. Goal of meeting was to align the county board with the school board
3. Report from ACI (Michael & Tannia)
 - a. Recommendations received from two sub-committees; additional sub-committees to still submit recommendations
 - b. No big budget items
 - c. ACI involved in recommendation for instructional focus for new high school seats at the Ed Center
 - i. Plan is to renovate this site and convert to high school seats (500-600 seats)
 - ii. There were multiple proposals to start
 - iii. Now focusing on 4 specialized programs
 - d. Staff recommended to school board to move forward with the design of the site but keep it flexible enough to support multiple program options
 - e. Looking for a January/February timeframe to start a working group
 - i. Allows more time to make a final decision on this and how it fits into the changes happening at the Career Center, so the decisions can be made together
4. Minutes - Approval of October minutes – delayed to December meeting (for procedural reasons)

5. Public Comments (Josh Folb)
 - a. Josh shared an updated salary graph looking at 4 years
 - b. AEA's comments on the budget stakeholder meeting
 - i. \$9.7 million Step number is misleading - wants to ensure lapse and turnover remains allocated to the compensation bucket
6. Staff Update (Lesley)
 - a. Planning factors work session tomorrow night – more updates in the next BAC meeting
 - i. Structured as an informational session; walking through the Planning Factor document
 - b. Budget Key Stakeholders Meeting occurred on October 30th
 - c. Budget process involves taking the current year budget and outlining changes in and out
 - d. Current shortfall is \$21.4 million – down slightly since the previous number
 - e. County is projecting a deficit of around \$10 million; not including additional monies to APS
7. Working Group on Planning Factors (Lars)
 - a. What has been done to-date?
 - i. Planning factors influence 3 of the 5 budget categories: Elementary, Secondary, Other Programs (60% of the overall budget)
 - ii. Believe we need to dig into the programs to find opportunities for efficiencies
 - iii. Can we use the ACI structure as a framework to review each of these? We can't inform budget cuts without factoring in the impact on instruction.
 - b. BAC's role in the Planning Factor work – how do we help find savings?
 - i. Facilitate discussion
 - ii. Analyze the ideas/suggestions
 - iii. Communication/education of community
 - c. Where are the specific areas of opportunities and how do we weight them against each other?
 - i. What criteria should we use?
 - ii. Trade offs
 - iii. Efficiency versus a cut
 - iv. Start with the proposed tiered cuts from last year
 - v. What's off limits (SOQ's, etc.)
 - d. What's next?
 - i. Specific ideas
 - ii. Evaluation methodology/framework
8. Working group on Facilities and Capital Improvement Plan (Cecilia)
 - a. Informational overview of the plan itself
 - b. How do we tie enrollment to seats? Is this something that we need to look at to gain efficiencies for the future?
 - i. Future consideration as we might see a future shift to 1:1 seating
 - c. Combination of capital and non-capital strategies
 - d. 2018 CIP starts in January
 - i. Action item: send around the presentation to the BAC

- e. Some discussion about why the CIP takes such a long time horizon (10 years) when it is revised every 2 years

The meeting concluded at 9:09pm.

Next BAC meeting:

December meeting will be a joint meeting with FAC on either December 13th (currently scheduled) or December 11th

Other Action: Try to schedule Moira Forbes (on the Strategic Planning Committee) to join our January meeting