1. Welcome
   a. Nine members were present: Cecilia Ciepiela-Kaelin (Chair), Bob Ramsey (co-Chair), Juan Gordon, Sr., Chuck Rush, Dan Rosman, Heather Jones, Sheila Leonard, Melanie Bowen, Jennifer Wagener; and APS staff member Leslie Peterson.

2. Public Comment (Josh Folb representing Arlington Education Association)
   a. Governor is looking to fund more money for teacher salaries
   b. Would like to see all close-out rolled into reserves for next year
   c. COLA proposal is now an active project for AEA; tied of social security increase

3. Liaison Reports
   a. FAC
      i. Last meeting covered MCMM (Minor Construction/Major Maintenance)
   b. CCPTA (Cecilia)
      i. Was not able to attend the last meeting
      ii. Last meeting covered mostly non-budget related items
   c. ACI – no liaison
   d. ECBC (Bob)
      i. Two meetings since last BAC meeting
      ii. Lots of input has been given and the committee is working hard to take the input and reflect on it
      iii. Second meeting was an open house to display design work
      iv. Some controversy over the proposed bridge, particularly if the Education Center needs to be converted to an elementary school in the future

4. Staff Comments
   a. Close-out vote was pushed out to January

5. Transportation (Kristin Haldeman)
   a. Kristin works in Facilities and Operations; Director of Transportation Planning
   b. 189 vehicles; 149 drivers and 154 routes covering 407 trips
      i. About 2,500 bus stops
   c. Less drivers than routes – it is an industry wide challenge to find bus drivers
   d. 15,000+ students eligible for transportation but only about 5,500 use the transportation (36%)
      i. Long trips, early pickups, non-convenient bus stops are most common reasons – looking to survey to get more information on reasons for low usage
      ii. Certain routes have plenty of capacity
      iii. Neighborhood schools have more usage than option schools
      iv. Goal is to fill up the buses that exist to make for a more efficient system overall
   e. Bell times of various schools makes it hard for a bus to service multiple schools
      i. Some tweaking to these, especially the elementary schools, could help
with routes

f. Other ideas include consolidated stops and/or allowing families to pick any stop on a route
   i. There is some software that helps with this

g. APS has created an expectation that the buses come to all the students

h. BAC suggestion to break out costs by neighborhood schools and option schools

i. Working on a plan to potentially integrate ART buses into APS transportation routes

j. Consider making a transportation project/challenge to some of the students

k. Consider better consolidation across general buses and special ed buses

l. Longer term opportunity for the county and APS to discuss joint transportation efforts

6. Other Business
   a. Cecilia will circulate the content from the MCMM presentation to the FAC
   b. Will discuss per pupil costs in the January meeting

Meeting concluded at 9:01PM.