

## 2019 – 2020 BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 9, 2019

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

The meeting started at 7:00 PM.

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Twelve members were present: Bob Ramsey (Chair), Melanie Bowen (Vice-Chair), Heather Jones, Cristina Diaz-Torres, Lida Anestidou, Chuck Rush, Wei Chen, Juan Gordon, Sr., Katherine Christensen, Erik Sullivan, Lisa Blackwell, and Jennifer Wagener (Cecilia Ciepiela-Kaelin, Past Chair, attended via phone)
- b. APS staff member: Leslie Peterson
- c. School Board Liaison: Monique O'Grady
- d. Welcome New Member – Dedra Curteman (Postponed to next meeting)

### 2. School Board Update

- a. Budget Direction: Monique O'Grady related a discussion that occurred at the recent School Board meeting. Lots of conversation on compensation – Board wants to make sure that all staff receive a compensation increase in next year's budget proposal
  - i. Falling behind on leading the region with compensation – is impacting hiring ability
  - ii. Some pay steps need revisions
  - iii. There are groups that currently don't receive an increase without a cost of living adjustment

### 3. Liaison Appointments and Reports

- a. ACI, now ATL (Teaching & Learning)
  - i. Focused on bullying and mental health – psychologists still high priority
- b. FAC – no update – next meeting is next week
- c. Career Center Expansion Building Committee
  - i. Latest meeting focused on transportation and parking
    1. Believe 500 peak parking spots will be needed
  - ii. Trade-offs between field and parking facilities (and whether that will be prioritized above the need for additional elementary/middle school students)
  - iii. Suggestion for BAC members to review the AFSAP report (<https://www.apsva.us/engage/afsapreport/>)
    1. 10-year plan is ok for High School
    2. Elementary School shortage
    3. Additional Middle School shortage
- d. Education Center Building Committee – no update
- e. ACTC (Transportation) - No update – next meeting in November
- f. CCPTA (PTA)
  - i. Safety committee is working with APS to support the tightening of security at school buildings
  - ii. Public safety forum on October 15<sup>th</sup>

4. Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth and Families (APCYF) - Lida represented BAC at an event on September 25
  - a. Destination 2027 - initiative for equitable access to health care across Arlington
  - b. Aquatics Committee – increasing enrollment in swim programs is straining the current facilities
  - c. Black Parents of Arlington – presented data around SOL scores across students across schools
  - d. Annual Report that they put together; has some similarities to the BAC report
5. Minutes from September 18, 2019 Meeting – Approved by all members
6. Draft Policy Review - Equity
  - a. A drafting committee from the school administration has requested BAC review and comment by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Cristina will lead this and has requested feedback from all BAC members by this Friday, October 11.
  - b. This Equity Policy has been in progress for almost a year with a number of committees, stakeholders and groups already providing input.
7. New Policy Implementation Procedures (Charter) for BAC
  - a. Postponed to next meeting
8. The Superintendent's Proposed Budget – an Overview
  - a. Leslie continued an overview of the budget document. This review included discussion of:
    - i. the budget development process chart and calendar
    - ii. details on revenue and expenses
    - iii. use of reserves
  - b. to be continued in our next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9: 05pm.