

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting
April 5, 2021

Item C-1-k

The Arlington School Board Policy Subcommittee convened on Monday, April 5 2021, at 2:08 PM. The meeting was held by electronic communications due to the Covid-19 Pandemic emergency, using Microsoft Teams.

Present were:

Cristina Diaz-Torres, Member
Reid Goldstein, Member

Also present were:

Matt Smith, Special Projects Coordinator
Brian Stockton, Chief of Staff (arr. 2:55 PM)

Mr. Goldstein called the meeting to order at 2:08 PM.

The subcommittee briefly the policies coming forward for Board information and action over the next two months. The subcommittee confirmed there was no additional feedback on Policy M- 3 Financial Management – Financing Construction and Site Acquisition or Policy M- 4 Financial Management - Capital Improvement Plan Financial Management other than what was discussed at the last meeting. These policies were reviewed by the APS Internal Auditor as discussed previously, and Mr. Smith shared his comments and recommendations. The group also discussed how to best ensure good project management and appropriate oversight of capital projects and whether such guidance should be in policy, in a policy implementation procedure (PIP), or in another form of directive.

The group then discussed feedback received from Board members on two existing policies beginning the review process, policies I-7.2.5.32 Summer Learning Opportunities and I-7.4.1.30 Extended Learning Opportunities. Board members were interested in having the policies provide more detail on why and when these learning opportunities will be offered to students.

The Board also discussed the proposed revision of Policy Implementation Procedure K-11.1 PIP-1 Use of Service Animals in Schools, asking for confirmation that the information in this policy is based on Code of Virginia requirements and complies with ADA guidelines.

In closing, Mr. Smith shared information about a policy update section to the Staff Central webpage. The group was briefly updated on progress on the draft of the advisory group policy implementation procedures, and members suggested topics for the next subcommittee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Monique O’Grady, Chair
Arlington School Board