

2022-23 BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Syphax Center, 4th Floor

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The meeting started at 7:04pm.

1. 6 members were present: Erik Sullivan (Chair), Michael Lyons (Vice Chair), Chuck Rush, Katherine Christensen, Jenn Wagener, and Ben Malakoff
 - APS Assistant Superintendent Leslie Peterson and County Board liaison Reid Goldstein
2. The December minutes were approved by the members.
3. Public comment
 - Josh Folb (AEA)
 - Pleased to see the closeout funds from salaries is being applied to the compensation fund
 - Mentioned email from the Superintendent indicating STEP and COLA will be part of the budget
 - Would like COLA tied to Social Security (which is currently around 9%), but realizes this is a large percentage
4. Equity Discussion – Office of DEI
 - Priorities:
 - Level 1 initiatives: Implicit bias training for all APS staff – 2-hour in person session or online modules
 - Want to move into Level 2 next school year
 - Standard 6 of the teacher responsibility practice for teachers and specialists
 - DEI staff joining school faculty meetings to discuss
 - Measurements of progress/success
 - Your Voice Matter survey every other year
 - Each Principal has an action plan that includes at least one equity goal
 - Number of people trained
 - Working to identify high school students that APS can financially sponsor for higher education in return for them coming back to APS to teach and champion equity
 - Would need funds to support this
 - Helps with teacher shortage and creating a culture of nurture
 - Budget wish list:
 - Stipends for equity influencer at elementary schools - would prefer a full-time person in each of the 22 elementary schools
 - Full-time equity coordinator at secondary schools
5. School Board update – Reid Goldstein
 - Superintendent concerned with compensation so expect to see this prominent in the budget
 - Started process to capture advisory board recommendations in a way that they can be used by the Board to influence priorities and budget direction
 - Ideal to have this in place by the end of this school year
6. APS Finance updates
 - Governor's budget came out end of December – does provide some additional Revenue for

- APS (if it doesn't get modified) – should have more updates in March
 - County finalizing Revenue; might be slightly more than the original estimate
 - Not a terrible budget year but it will still be challenging given all the one-time funding (from last year's budget)
7. Budget prep
- Will discuss compensation in the Feb meeting
 - Suggestion to add a monthly review of the Monitoring items (from the ongoing Board Meetings) to the BAC meetings – this gives some insight into what departments may ask for in the next budget cycle
 - Superintendent's budget will be released February 23rd – that will give the BAC two weeks to review the budget and be prepared for the March 8th meeting
 - Will have all BAC members share their observations and questions in this meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.