SSAC 10/19/23 Agenda and Minutes

1. Attendance: Terrell, Caroline, Brandon

2. SSAC recommendation
   - **a.** Draft rec circulated to members via email earlier in the week
   - **b.** Terrell provided more context for request for ES specialist, will research Qs asked to find data to supplement rec
   - **c.** Discussion of whether $ should be spent on specialist vs other needs for teachers/need for more teachers; Terrell confirmed that admin in schools have asked for more support from the Dept so he believes there is a need
   - **d.** Maybe a "yes and" approach to the rec—include a suggestion that more dollars should be spent on hiring teachers etc in addition to specialist, to improve classroom instruction
   - **e. Action item**: Terrell to supply a list of potential responsibilities for the position to include in an appendix to the recommendation
   - **f. Action item**: Caroline will work with Nate to revise draft in light of these suggestions and recirculate among the group to get feedback/approval with enough time to submit the draft to the larger ACTL in advance of 12/6 meeting (where Caroline and Nate will present to ACTL for their feedback)

3. Updates on state laws/APS policies re instruction
   - a. APS still waiting on framework to be provided by VA to implement new Social Studies standards, they will be implemented in 2025-26
   - b. Update on law re sexually explicit materials
     - **i.** Terrell confirmed that standardized language was given to all teachers to include in their syllabi/messages to parents

4. Update on surveying HS and recent grads re classroom experience and readiness for college/next phase (Mariam)
   - **a. [tabled as Mariam was unable to attend]**