

## SSAC 9-28 meeting agenda and notes

1. Introduction: committee's purpose, who we are, ask for volunteer for secretary to take notes and submit to me and Nate, explaining members vs non-members and their roles
  - a. Attendance: Melanie, Caroline, Nate, Mariam, Yahya;
    - i. Introductions of present members, connection to APS
2. ACTL discussion, overview (Caroline):
  - a. Advisory Committee for Teaching and Learning, Committees with specific focuses
  - b. SSAC's role as an Advisory Committee: recommendations/advice to School Board, Superintendent
  - c. Staff Liaison: Terrell—direct contact with teachers, collaborate with him re: recommendations to Dr. Durán
  - d. Budget impact: draft proposal due November
    - i. Review of previous recommendations
    - ii. Brief discussion of public support for specific recommendations to SB, how best to spread the word about SSAC recommendations and gauge public support for them
3. Department updates/SSAC recommendation
  - a. **[tabled updates until next meeting]**
  - b. General discussion re elementary school specialist
  - c. Nate volunteered to draft rec with info from Terrell
  - d. First draft due in November
4. Updates on state laws/APS policies re instruction
  - a. **[Terrell absent so did not discuss APS policies/guidance]**
  - b. Update on law re sexually explicit materials;
    - i. see <https://www.virginiamercury.com/2023/06/15/school-districts-struggle-to-implement-new-laws-on-sexually-explicit-books/>; <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title22.1/chapter2/section22.1-16.8/> ;
    - ii. Discussed impact beyond social studies/history classes and need for info on how APS is addressing with teachers
5. Update on surveying HS and recent grads re classroom experience and readiness for college/next phase (Mariam)
  - a. Mariam offered to send 1<sup>st</sup> draft of survey to Caroline, Nate;
  - b. Mariam will present in October or Nov SSAC mtg, hoping to send the draft out in March, April (2024)
  - c. To ask Terrell—NOVA DE Social Studies independent study class?
6. Community engagement-- brainstorming
  - a. HS survey

- b.** suggestion to make recommendation public/visible, to make public aware of our recommendations and perhaps get public support, see what recommendations are representative of Arlington County residents want to see;
- c.** ACTL meeting, contact with PTA

7. Meeting time: when to meet going forward

- a. Confirmed Thursdays work for most
- b. Virtual meeting in December;
- c. Confirm w/ Terrell third Thursdays will work
- d. Next meeting at 7pm ET, October 19 at Syphax Center (room to be confirmed)