

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS (FAC)
MEETING MEETINGS**

February 12, 2024
Taylor Elementary School

Members present: Hans Bauman, Cheney, Rosa - Chair Emeritus, Kateri Garcia, Goodman, David, Cynthia Hilton – Vice Chair, Sally Hoekstra, Hubley, Jessica, Larnard, Zachary, Leutner, Steven, Kelley Litzner– Chair, Adam Rasmussen, Matthew Thoman

Liaisons present: Greg Lloyd – Superintendent's sustainability committee

Staff present: Jeff Chambers, Michael DePalma, Mike Freda, Iliana Gonzales, Renee Harber, Mary Kadera – School Board, Cathy Lin, Jim Meikle

Meeting Notes

Motion and second to approve December meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Motion and second to remove Nadia Volchansky from committee. She only attended one meeting. Motion passed.

Kelly Jones resigned position from FAC.

Kelley Litzner resigned from Chair position and position on FAC. Cynthia Hilton will step into role as acting-Chair and plans to still fill out her full term as Chair next year. Chair-Emeritus Rosa Cheney can provide support to Cynthia until Rosa's term ends in June.

Sustainability Subcommittee

- Interested members to reach out to Rosa Cheney. Will not have the subcommittee if there are not enough people to do the work. Need at least 4 people to share the workload, even if not a full commitment.
- Work of subcommittee may become email discussion in lieu of formal or even virtual meetings. Still need to copy fac@apsva.us email for FOIA.
- Subcommittee to offer recommendations to FAC by May FAC Meeting.
 - Subcommittee to email update to FAC after each subcommittee meeting/task completed.

MC/MM

Cynthia Hilton reported, and APS Staff commented.

- MC/MM budget includes contingency funds AND emergency contingency funds. Therefore, there is still money set aside if needed to move some funds around to various projects.
 - Recommendation was discussed to collapse contingency funds and emergency contingency funds into a single bucket.
- Ongoing regular maintenance is included in the MC/MM list of projects, but they should be in the operational budget because these are regular requirements.
 - For example, annual safety inspections. Was brought into MC/MM funding because there was no money in operations for it but needed to be done. APS Staff has had difficulty moving this out of MC/MM and back into the annual operational budget.

- If projects are removed from the work list, they will be removed from the bottom half of the chart (which is the school-requested list) rather than the top of the chart (which is the APS Staff recommended list).
- Concerning that two schools received over 22% of funding (largest which was Swanson).
 - APS Staff responded that they often try to lump together more than one project at a school for efficiency. This has happened at Swanson, plus Swanson includes gym floor replacement – required due to # years, which just happened to coincide with other Swanson items.
- 13 voters – all APS staff except for FAC representative (Cynthia Hilton).
 - Safety and security ranked higher than painting.
 - Results of votes are being compiled now.
 - APS Staff to present in March FAC meeting.
 - Final selections will be part of the upcoming Superintendent budget proposal.
- Long Range Renovation Report will become a tool used in future to determine MC/MM projects. APS Staff plans this as the last year of the chart of individual MC/MM projects.

Capital Projects Update

See attachment.

- Heights Substantial Completion prior to next school year.
- Career Center out to bid.
- Phasing of Career Center construction plan was updated to meet County requirements for occupancy (multiple County zoning department requirements need to be met) so it is clear what part of project will be completed when so there is no delay in getting occupancy/zoning approvals from County at end of each construction phase.
- Long Term Renovation Report – APS Staff will develop list of schools to be presented by the Superintendent to the Board as part of the proposed CIP. The list will be 3 to 5 schools for full deep dive analysis/planning based on the CIP-direction previously directed by the Board.

CIP Timeline

CIP Timeline was presented.

CIP Direction approved in December by Board also includes the subsequent Board amendment that clarifies CIP Direction shall include Career Center building being occupied by MPSA and that CIP Direction will include 3 tiers of spending on MPSA (for low medium and high price points, none to exceed \$45M).

- Mary Kadera summarizes some of the Board discussion that took place as part of the vote. Board discussion surrounded the issues of 1) not leaving the question of MPSA's future unanswered until the next CIP cycle to provide stability for MPSA community; 2) Career Center campus being centrally located and therefore ideal for population MPSA serves (compared to a location in North Arlington); 3) Consistency in making decisions that affect schools and programs; and 4) Concern whether more financial studies were needed prior to committing to MPSA at Career Center site, to evaluate County needs

wholistically including needs for swing space; especially considering the \$45M increase over the original \$15M allotted in the last CIP.

April FAC Meeting - APS Staff requested that FAC review Board-approved methodologies against Long Range Renovation data/framework and see which individual schools are the ones that FAC would recommend based on the Board direction given to APS Staff. This would be a list of 3 to 5 schools for the deep dive analysis/planning.

May 9, 2024 – Superintendent releases Proposed CIP to public.

May 13, 2024 – FAC Meeting – Meeting will be devoted to Proposed CIP as entire discussion topic.

- FAC requested APS Staff present the way APS Staff selected specific schools (i.e. how the data was crunched) versus just list of methodologies previously presented. How were specific items within data/framework prioritized to allow for a specific school to make the list of 3 to 5 schools for the deep dive analysis/planning.

May 16, 2024 – Superintendent presents Proposed CIP to Board.

May 30, 2024 – FAC Chair/Vice Chair or other representative attends work session during workday hours to present and discuss FAC recommendations regarding the Proposed CIP.

June 6, 2024 – School Board's Proposed CIP released.

June 11, 2024 – School Board meeting on Proposed CIP with public comment.

June 20, 2024 – School Board votes on Proposed CIP.

November 2024 – Bond referendum for project(s) within approved CIP.