

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS  
MEETING AGENDA (FAC)  
October 7, 2024  
Tour Begins @ 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting Begins @ 6:30 p.m.  
Jamestown Elementary School library

Participants:

<u>Members:</u>	Michael Bruno, Kateri Garcia, Cynthia Hilton (Chair), Zachary Larnard (Vice-Chair), Anthony Rush, Matthew Thoman, Tony Weaver
<u>APS Staff:</u>	Jonathan Turrisi, Renee Harber, Cathy Lin, Michael DePalma
<u>APS Board:</u>	Mary Kadera
<u>Liaisons:</u>	Jonathan Hui (BAC)

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Approval of June & September Minutes FAC Action: Unanimously approved, as written.
- Jonathan Hui was welcomed as the BAC liaison to FAC.
- Members were alerted to the importance of attendance; three absences (regardless of reason) may trigger procedures for replacement. This is official policy. SB has updated its digital meeting policy and there are nuances – personal emergencies leading to remote attendance can count toward quorum, but minutes must reflect. No more than 2x/yr or half of meetings digital on purpose; and only Syphax can host an online meeting (not a school).

2. Chair's Update

- FAC Organization
  - Secretary FAC Action: Michael Bruno elected FAC secretary by unanimous vote.
  - Liaison Assignments. No volunteer was yet identified as lead liaison for ACTL.
  - FAC seats available, please tell community.
- Site Visit Debrief – Replacement of HVAC is Jamestown's biggest issue and is on a project approved to go forward pending passage of the FY 2024 APS bond. The tour was led by Monica Roche and Amy Elaine. Concerns raised included:
  - i. Front door security vestibule stretches across only half of front-door entrance causing safety bottlenecks during opening/closing, etc.
  - ii. Bell/PA system not working throughout the building.
    1. Cannot call into each classroom
    2. Cannot hear announcements in some hallways
  - iii. Missing and damaged ceiling tiles around the building need repair.
  - iv. Façade of building could use refreshing, mold possible in some areas.
  - v. Blinds in several classrooms do not work, which could be a security concern during lockdowns.
- FOIA Guidelines – Members were provided guidance from the School Board about FOIA requirements and responsibilities to following open meeting policy if more than three members act together toward FAC results. Members can be contacted one-on-one to facilitate work.
- SY2024-25 Work Plan/School Bond Support – FAC cannot take an advocacy position on School bonds, but members may be personally active. APS bond advocacy separate from District work, i.e., there are unaffiliated co-chairs and PAC funds for those interested.
- Communications Filed – Transportation Demand Management and Superintendent Evaluation policies were open comment at time of meeting.

3. FAC Liaison Updates

- ACTL – N/A
- BAC – Returning APS' Operating Budget to structural sustainability is a top Board/APS priority. The Board has requested input from advisory committees to proactively make recommendations on budget priorities by looking at prior recommendations, identifying if they are supported by the APS Strategic Plan, and submitting those recommendations either for cost-saving potential or because the account merits preserving before the end of the year. APS and

the Board have made it a priority to provide staff pay increases first, and with the remaining revenues, allocate funds to other budget purposes rather than reserving the possibility of staff pay increases to the end of the budget cycle based on what revenue may be left over.

- JFAC – Arlington has 2050 visioning under CB Member Garvey, could adapt later. The comment period closed Sept. 30. FAC was not directly invited to participate. JFAC was; one recommendation was to support better collaboration between and/or consolidation of services provided by APS and county government to achieve efficiencies. Suggestions to eliminate separate APS planning, healthcare, and transportation services understanding that County would provide these services to APS, as requested, were mentioned. See APS advisory panel on advisory committees below.

#### 4. School Board Liaison Update

- Chair's Meeting: Sept. 26.
  - i. Board Newsletter: Anyone can sign up for this by emailing the School Board.
  - ii. Realignment of Advisory Committees: APS is forming a working group to envision what APS Advisory Groups should be. APS is seeking member applicants through Oct. 23.
- FY2026 Budget:
  - i. Budget Direction: The School Board votes Oct. 29 on its fiscal 2026 budget direction. FAC comments are welcome.
  - ii. Budget recommendations for Cost Savings & Line-Item Protection: APS has engaged a consultant to help with the task of identifying changes that could be made to the budget to move toward long-term sustainability. FAC will be providing comments with a plan to finalize recommendations at FAC's Dec. 9 meeting. Documents will be provided for members to help with this initiative.
- FAC SY2024-25 Work Plan – Tier II: Chair Kadera asked that the FAC not pursue Tier II items given more pressing School Board needs, which are to develop a sustainable fiscal 2026 budget and to advance the goals and objectives in the APS Strategic Plan. FAC Chair Hilton asked that reconsideration be given to the "transportation logistics" initiative given that transportation efficiencies are specifically called for in the Strategic Plan and APS transportation is an F&O operation. Tier I and III initiatives were appointed by the Board.

#### 5. 2024-30 APS Strategic Plan – F&O Annual Goals

- F&O Action Plan – Presentation titled "2024-2030 Strategic Plan Foundation" by Jonathan Turrisi of APS. Presentation shown, distributed and attached (FAC secretary has hard copy upon request). FAC discussed at length. No action taken.

#### 6. Public Comment – None provided.

#### 7. New Business

- Upcoming Events: Nov. 18 FAC meeting – TBD. Preliminary agenda: The focus of this meeting may start with September 2024 enrollment data and a preview of what may be suggested for adjustments to attendance zones/planning units/building capacity/etc., as District gears up on the next iteration of the "Pre-CIP."

#### 8. Adjournment: 8:32 p.m.