

Concerns and Recommendations to the Advisory Committee Working Group

(In no order of importance)

Concerns

The charter for FAC and JFAC can be and is being read to allow JFAC the same responsibilities as FAC.

Implementation of the 24-30 APS Strategic Plan is a Board priority. Among the Plan's performance strategies is one "to provide efficient and safe alternatives to student transportation." Several advisory committees have expressed interest in this initiative. Since the ACTC has sunset, it is unclear what School Board advisory committee should have led on transportation issues.

Advisory recommendations are not systematically tracked nor are outcomes reported.

The work of Board-appointed advisory groups is not to make recommendations to APS staff, nor is APS staff charged with directing the work of Advisory groups.

Recommendations

The School Board should sponsor an on-boarding meeting for new members.

Consideration should be given to relaxing term-limits when members on committees are willing to continue to serve and the committee has unfilled vacancies.

The School Board needs to clarify the mission of each advisory group and when issues arise with no clear or completing claims of advisory oversight, the Board should clarify which group has led. Duplicative missions serve no purpose. Non-led advisory groups can input through led groups.

Consider appointing school-based staff to advisory groups.

Implement a process to record advisory group recommendations and track outcomes.

Survey communities that are not represented on advisory groups to determine what would make participation more likely.

Advertise meetings held in schools, such as FAC, to the school's community and specifically invite that community to attend (students/parents/civic associations) and provide opportunity to comment.

Continue assigning School Board liaisons to advisory groups to ensure that work is focused on what issues that the Board wants input on and when.

Clarify if requests for information from staff can or should be made directly to staff or whether requests should be made to committee Board liaisons for action.

Provide as much flexibility as possible to hold meetings as necessary to get work done, including virtual meetings.