

School Board Advisory Committee Working Group Meeting#6- April 22, 2025 Purpose Statement

Advisory Groups [Working Group members...please look at all 5 below]

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Draft 1	Purpo

Purpose

The purpose of the Academics Advisory Council is to (1) monitor and review division policies and implementation of strategies and initiatives specified in the Student Academic Growth and Success priority of the APS Strategic Plan and/or School Board's charge to the Council; and (2) provide input and recommendations to the School Board to support implementation of the Strategic Plan and progress toward the outcomes defined in the Student Academic Growth and Success priority.

Scope of Work

The Academics Advisory Council's work is informed and directed by the School Board's annual charge. General areas of work to include:

- 1. Report findings and develop recommendations to address findings and improve policies and policy implementation procedures related to student academic growth and success.
- 2. Provide input on the review of existing programs and practices and development of new initiatives to support student academic growth and success.
- 3. Make recommendations for both existing and new programs and practices, ensuring the Academics Advisory Council clearly considers relevant budget impacts.
- 4. Assist the School Board in informing the community about programs and practices related to student academic growth and success, as outlined in the Strategic Plan and/or School Board's charge.
- 5. Review additional topics as identified by the School Board.
- 6. Collaborate with other School Board Advisory Councils as needed.

Comments /Feedback

(You may add "+1" to

For this and all Committees, consider requiring/requesting the Committees make recommendations on what to stop, delete, or cut. It is easy to add; difficult to cut. This could provide the Board and APS staff with thoughts and context on how to better decide how to reallocate resources from lower priorities to higher priorities. (+1) (+1...I see #3 as a possible place to include this) (+1)



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comments made by others)

There are a lot of "and's in the first bullet...maybe slightly rephrase).(+1 Maybe break into two: one on policies and one on implementation of strategies and initiatives)

Wondering if monitor is the right word for the purpose here. Does the advisory group monitor and review the policies or are they reviewing and recommending? The monitor piece makes it seem more like what the role of the School Board is. Thinking maybe it is more about the review piece. (+½ I think this makes some sense, especially in light of how we're moving toward getting more specific, time-bound charges. In those cases, *review* seems like the best word. AND, I feel it's important for there to be space for advisory groups to propose topics/charges..which they would be aware of the need for through *monitoring*..? I may be splitting hairs too finely. I might be enough to just say *review* here, and elsewhere specify the ways charges can come about.)

Does the advisory committee report findings? I thought APS staff would report data and the committee would use the data to make recommendations. Findings seems like they did the review on their own, I think.

I assume out of all the committees, this one is most likely to have subcommittees. Does or should that get addressed in the purpose? [Will be addressed in a subsequent section, not in the purpose- Jenny]

Going back to one of our first exercises, I think it's important to note what is NOT in the scope of work for this committee as well, and think this would be good to add for all the committees scope of work. [I don't think this belongs in the Scope of Work section of the policy but agree the WG should articulate these and document them. Or, we could let the group vote on including them here, but I think Steve will nix having them in the policy.- Jenny]

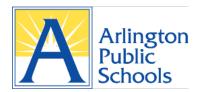
Draft 2 Purpose

The purpose of the Academics Advisory Council is to advise the School Board on division policies, strategies, and initiatives to support implementation of the Strategic Plan and progress toward the outcomes defined in the Student Academic Growth and Success priority, with a division-wide lens.

Scope of Work

The Academics Advisory Council's work is informed and directed by the School Board's annual charge. General areas of work to include:

- 1. Develop recommendations to improve policies and policy implementation procedures related to Student Academic Growth and Success.
- Provide input on the review of existing programs and practices and development of new initiatives to support student academic growth and success.
- 3. Make recommendations to expand, eliminate or revise existing programs and practices and/or implement new programs and practices, while



	 ensuring the Academics Advisory Council deliberately considers relevant budget impacts. 4. Assist the School Board in gathering feedback and informing the community about programs and practices APS is implementing or plans to implement to support student academic growth and success, as outlined in the Strategic Plan and/or School Board's charge. 5. Review additional topics as identified by the School Board. 6. Collaborate with other School Board Advisory Councils as needed.
Draft 2 Comments /Feedback	 Provide input on the review of existing programs and practices and development of new initiatives to support student academic growth and success, ensuring transparency and accountability. This might be nit-picky, but should we be more explicit when we say 'programs' to say 'Academic programs'? Review additional topics as identified by the SB as well as the advisory group. +1 Not sure if this belongs in the Scope of Work or elsewhere, but somewhere should we note that the Councils should work with/take into account feedback from the Title I and Budget reps in each? Does this address the curriculum/instruction and alignment to standards clearly when we say 'programs'? Re-wording and adding in budget components: Make recommendations to expand, eliminate, or revise existing programs and practices and/or implement new programs and practices, while ensuring the Academics Advisory Council deliberately considers relevant budget impacts and promotes equity and access.
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Health & Wellness

Draft 1	Purpos

The purpose of the Student Well-Being Advisory Council is to (1) monitor and review division policies and implementation of strategies and initiatives specified in the Student Well-Being priority of the APS Strategic Plan and/or School Board's charge to the Council; and (2) provide input and recommendations to the School Board to support implementation of the Strategic Plan and progress toward the outcomes defined in the Student Well-Being priority.

Scope of Work

The Student Well-Being Advisory Council's work is informed and directed by the School Board's annual charge. General areas of work to include:

- Report findings and develop recommendations to address findings and improve policies and policy implementation procedures related to student well-being.
- 2. Provide input on the review of existing programs and practices and development of new initiatives to support student well-being.
- 3. Make recommendations for both existing and new programs and practices, ensuring the Student Well-Being Advisory Council clearly considers relevant budget impacts.
- 4. In the event of an emerging or declared public health emergency, work collaboratively with the Academics Advisory Committee to review the APS response and the impact on student academics and well-being.
- 5. Assist the School Board in informing the community about programs and practices related to student well-being, as outlined in the Strategic Plan and/or School Board's charge.
- 6. Review additional topics as identified by the School Board.
- 7. Collaborate with other School Board Advisory Councils as needed.

Comments /Feedback

I have the same wondering about the word monitor in this purpose as well.

Similarly to the comment someone made for the Academic Committee...maybe including the language around cutting or deleting.

Student well-being should address something about reviewing relevant health topics or situations (think measles outbreak or covid) and APS response plans to



	understand impact on students.
	There is a tri-annial assessment for Virginia that needs to be completed that the SHAB committee is responsible for providing input on, determining benchmarks and success markers. I don't know if this is true for other committees, but something worth reviewing.
Draft 2	Purpose The purpose of the Student Health and Well-Being Advisory Council is to advise the School Board on division policies, strategies, and initiatives to support implementation of the Strategic Plan and progress toward the outcomes defined in the Student Well-Being priority, with a division-wide lens.
	Scope of Work
	The Student Health and Well-Being Advisory Council's work is informed and directed by the School Board's annual charge. General areas of work to include:
	 Develop recommendations to improve policies and policy implementation procedures related to student health and well-being. Provide input on the review of existing programs and practices and development of new initiatives to support student health and well-being. Make recommendations to expand, eliminate or revise existing programs and practices and/or implement new programs and practices, while ensuring the Student Health and Well-Being Advisory Council deliberately considers relevant budget impacts. May provide input to the School Board on the triennial assessment of the APS Wellness Policy required by the VDOE In the event of an emerging or declared public health emergency, work collaboratively with the Academics Advisory Committee to review the APS response and the impact on student academics and well-being. Assist the School Board in gathering feedback and informing the community about programs and practices APS is implementing or plans to implement to support student well-being, as outlined in the Strategic Plan and/or School Board's charge. Review additional topics as identified by the School Board. Collaborate with other School Board Advisory Councils as needed.
Comments /Feedback	Wondering: How is 1 different from 3 aside from (+1) eliminate?
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ASEAC

Draft 1

Purpose

The Arlington Special Education Advisory Committee (ASEAC) is the local advisory committee for special education, established per the Virginia Administrative Code 8VAC20-81-230(D) and codified in School Board Policy B-3.6.30. The purpose of the Arlington Special Education Advisory Council (ASEAC) is to (1) review initiatives, programming, policies, and procedures related to special education and related services; (3) provide input and recommendations to the School Board to support implementation of the APS Strategic Plan, progress toward the outcomes defined for students with disabilities, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations governing special education; and (4) assist Arlington Public Schools in interpreting and communicating the division's plans for meeting the needs of students with disabilities.

Scope of Work

The Arlington Special Education Advisory Council's work is informed and directed by the Virginia Administrative Code 8VAC20-81-230(D) and School Board's annual charge. ASEAC's functions shall be as follows:

- 1. Advise the local school division of needs in the education of students with disabilities.
- 2. Participate in the development of priorities and strategies for meeting the identified needs of students with disabilities.
- 3. Submit periodic reports and recommendations regarding the education of students with disabilities to the division superintendent for transmission to the School Board.
- Assist Arlington Public Schools in interpreting plans to the community for meeting the special needs of students and children with disabilities for educational services
- 5. Review the policies and procedures for the provision of special education and related services prior to submission to the local school board; and
- 6. Participate in the review of the local school division's annual plan, as outlined in subdivision B 2 of 8 VAC 20-81-230.
- 7. Collaborating with other School Board Advisory Councils as needed.

NOTE: #1-6 is verbatim from: Virginia Administrative Code 8VAC20-81-230(D)

Comments /Feedback

This is the only scope of work that does not advise the committee to take budget into consideration when making recommendations.



Draft 2	Purpose
	The Arlington Special Education Advisory Committee (ASEAC) is the local advisory committee for special education, established per the Virginia Administrative Code 8VAC20-81-230(D) and codified in School Board Policy B-3.6.30. The purpose of the Arlington Special Education Advisory Council (ASEAC) is to advise the School Board on division policies, strategies, and initiatives to support implementation of the Strategic Plan and progress toward the outcomes defined for students with disabilities across the Strategic Plan.
	Scope of Work
	The Arlington Special Education Advisory Council's work is informed and directed by the Virginia Administrative Code 8VAC20-81-230(D) and School Board's annual charge. ASEAC's functions shall be as follows:
	 Advise the local school division of needs in the education of students with disabilities.
	Participate in the development of priorities and strategies for meeting the identified needs of students with disabilities.
	Submit periodic reports and recommendations regarding the education of students with disabilities to the division superintendent for transmission to the School Board.
	 Assist Arlington Public Schools in interpreting plans to the community for meeting the special needs of students and children with disabilities for educational services
	Review the policies and procedures for the provision of special education and related services prior to submission to the local school board.
	Participate in the review of the local school division's annual plan, as outlined in subdivision B 2 of 8 VAC 20-81-230.
	 Make recommendations to expand, eliminate or revise existing programs and practices and/or implement new programs and practices, while ensuring ASEAC deliberately considers relevant budget impacts.
	 Assist the School Board in gathering feedback and informing the community about programs and practices APS is implementing or plans to implement to support special education, as outlined in the Strategic Plan and/or School Board's charge.
	 Review additional topics as identified by the School Board. Collaborate with other School Board Advisory Councils as needed.
	NOTE: #1-6 is verbatim from: <u>Virginia Administrative Code 8VAC20-81-230(D)</u>
Comments /Feedback	•



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Personnel

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The purpose of the Personnel Advisory Council is to (1) monitor and review division policies and implementation of strategies and initiatives specified in the Student Centered Workforce priority area of the APS Strategic Plan; and (2) provide input and recommendations to the School Board to support implementation of the Strategic Plan and progress toward the outcomes defined in the Student Centered Workforce priority.

Scope of Work

The Personnel Advisory Council's work is informed and directed by the School Board's annual charge. General areas of work to include:

- Report findings and develop recommendations to address findings and improve policies and policy implementation procedures related to student centered workforce
- 2. Provide input on the review of existing programs and practices and development of new initiatives to support student centered workforce.
- 3. Make recommendations for both existing and new programs and practices, including recommendations of programs or practices recommended for reduction or elimination, ensuring the Personnel Advisory Council deliberately considers relevant budget impacts.
- 4. Assist the School Board in informing the community about programs and practices related to student centered workforce, as outlined in the Strategic Plan and/or School Board's charge.
- 5. Review additional topics as identified by the School Board.
- 6. Collaborate with other School Board Advisory Councils as needed.

Comments /Feedback

Raising the same as for the Academic and Student Well-Being suggestions...

- Wondering about the use of monitor
- Adding in language about considering cuts/deletions (1+)



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Draft 2	The purpose of the Personnel Advisory Council is to advise the School Board on division policies, strategies, and initiatives to support implementation of the Strategic Plan and progress toward the outcomes defined in the Student Centered Workforce priority, with a division-wide lens. Scope of Work The Personnel Advisory Council's work is informed and directed by the School Board's annual charge. General areas of work to include: 1. Develop recommendations to improve policies and policy implementation procedures related to student centered workforce 2. Provide input on the review of existing programs and practices and development of new initiatives to support student centered workforce. 3. Make recommendations to expand, eliminate or revise existing programs and practices and/or implement new programs and practices, while ensuring the the Personnel Advisory Council clearly considers relevant budget impacts. 4. Assist the School Board in gathering feedback and informing the community about programs and practices APS is implementing or plans to implement to support a student centered workforce, as outlined in the Strategic Plan and/or School Board's charge. 5. Review additional topics as identified by the School Board. 6. Collaborate with other School Board Advisory Councils as needed.
Comments /Feedback	 Do these address gathering the "pulse" of the workforce to ensure we are working towards the outcomes? (+1) - wondering what it would look like to have an advisory group get the pulse of staff? Examples such as #3, "eliminate" is key to the success of this committee.
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Operations

Draft 1	Purpose The purpose of the Operations Advisory Council is to (1) monitor and review division policies and implementation of strategies and initiatives specified in the
	Operational Excellence priority of the APS Strategic Plan and/or School Board's



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charge to the Council; and (2) provide input and recommendations to the School Board to support implementation of the Strategic Plan and progress toward the outcomes defined in the Operational Excellence priority.

Scope of Work

The Operations Advisory Council's work is informed and directed by the School Board's annual charge. General areas of work to include:

- Report findings and develop recommendations to address findings and improve policies and policy implementation procedures related to division operations and operational excellence.
- 2. Provide input on the review of existing programs and practices and development of new initiatives to support student division operations and operational excellence.
- 3. Make recommendations for both existing and new programs and practices, ensuring the Operations Advisory Council clearly considers relevant budget impacts.
- 4. Assist the School Board in informing the community about programs and practices related to operational excellence, as outlined in the Strategic Plan and/or School Board's charge.
- 5. Review additional topics as identified by the School Board.
- 6. Collaborate with other School Board Advisory Councils as needed.

Comments /Feedback

Raising the same as for the Academic and Student Well-Being suggestions...

- Wondering about the use of monitor
- Adding in language about considering cuts/deletions

Some input from Board members is to avoid having an APS advisory group that duplicates or works at cross purposes with the JFAC. This makes sense to me, AND, as I look more closely at the Operational Excellence performance objectives, it looks to me like the JFAC would deal with Performance Objectives 1 and 4 (95% of APS schools will have a rating in the highest category on the building characteristics report; Improve environmental sustainability and reduce carbon footprint in collaboration with County government). That leaves only Performance Objectives 2 and 3 (free meals; on-time bus arrival) for this Operations advisory group to work on.

Do we need a rep that sits both on JFAC and this group? Or does adding a Budget rep on JFAC suffice.



Draft 2	The purpose of the Operations Advisory Council is to advise the School Board on division policies, strategies, and initiatives to support implementation of the Strategic Plan and progress toward the outcomes defined in the Operational Excellence priority, with a division-wide lens. Scope of Work The Operations Advisory Council's work is informed and directed by the School Board's annual charge. The School Board's annual charge will define work that is
	within the scope of the Operations Advisory Council to prevent overlap with tasks assigned to Joint Facilities Advisory Commision (JFAC). General areas of work to include:
	 Develop recommendations to improve policies and policy implementation procedures related to division operations and operational excellence. Provide input on the review of existing programs and practices and development of new initiatives to support student division operations and operational excellence.
	 Make recommendations to expand, eliminate or revise existing programs and practices and/or implement new programs and practices, while ensuring the Operations Advisory Council deliberately considers relevant budget impacts.
	 Assist the School Board in gathering feedback and informing the community about programs and practices APS is implementing or plans to implement to support operational excellence, as outlined in the Strategic Plan and/or School Board's charge. Review additional topics as identified by the School Board.
	Collaborate with other School Board Advisory Councils as needed.
	NOTE: The School Board's charge to the Operations Advisory Council will clarify which facility related matters the board is seeking input from Operations Advisory Council to prevent duplication with the work of the Joint Facilities Advisory Commission (JFAC) of Arlington County and Arlington Public Schools.
Comments /Feedback	
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