

School Board Advisory Committee Working Group Open-ended Survey Results - Oct 23, 2025

Table 1: Is there anything you would like to share about the proposed **organizational structure**?

Open-ended topic	# of responses		
Specific topics are missing/Suggestions of topics to include	17	Specific Topics	
		Operational efficiency/Fiscal responsibility/ administrator accountability	5
		English Language Learners	4
		Dual language Instruction	2
		Safety/Security	
		Athletics	1
		Conditions and facilities	1
		Technology	1
		Mental health	1
		Neurodivergent students	1
		Bullying prevention	1
Physical Health	1		
Retain separate committee for advanced academics	11		
Needs standing committee	10		
Too broad/ Too many lumped together	9		
More emphasis on Partnership (student/family/Community)	9		
The key focus should be on students' academic development	7		
Duplicate/overlapping items in focus areas	4		
CTE should be in a stand alone committee due to state and federal requirements	3		
Consolidates too many academic priority areas under a single Academics committee	3		
Positive Feedback; especially related to alignment to strategic plan	3		
Will require too many committee members	2		
Parents alone should be making decisions related to student's well-being/Too much focus on mental health	2		

Operational excellence should not be included with student health and well being	1
Seems like a waste of time/ Not sure what it will accomplish	2
Lacks review of content	1
Needs subject matter experts	1

Table 2: Please use the box below to provide any additional comments about your answers above or to share other thoughts about the proposal for **ASEAC**.

Open-ended topic	# of responses		
Concerns/comments on membership	4	Specific comments	
		More staff involvement	2
		More student involvement	2
		Minimum # of Subject Matter Experts should be 1	2
		Minimum # of Community Members should be 1	1
		Include former APS parents who have been through the process	1
		Membership breakdown is unclear	1
Works well as is, no need to change	3		
ASEAC is mandatory, some form required by law	3		
8-year term limit is too high	1		
Staff should be compensated for participating	1		
ASEAC should be more involved in staff professional development	1		
Include SWD considerations into all councils	1		
ASEAC as subcommittees for each council	1		

Table 3: Please use the box below to provide any additional comments about your answers above or to share other thoughts about the proposal for the **Academics Advisory Council**?

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Include Advanced Academics Committee/Need stronger curriculum to attain high achieving students	19																					
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Subcommittees need to remain as is	9																					
Need to consider more than SOL proficiency	7																					
Academic needs are too broad to make many accomplishments	4																					
look at other subject areas, not just math and reading	3																					
Seems like a waste of time	2																					
Dual Language Immersion program is not represented	2																					
Must have standing CTE committee to receive Perkins funding	1																					
Councils need to address the needs of larger student populations, and not be focused on individual student/parent concerns	1																					
There should be sub-committees for core content areas, advanced academics and English Learners	1																					
Overlap between councils	1																					
Size of council is too large	1																					
ASEAC subcommittees for all councils	1																					
Clearer vision and communication from the School Board and their expectations from the councils	1																					

Table 4: Please use the box below to provide any additional comments about your answers above or to share other thoughts about the proposal for **Student Health and Well-Being Advisory Council**.

Open-ended topic	# of responses		
Specific topics are missing/Suggestions of topics to include	15	Specific Topics	
		Mental health	6
		Physical health	5
		Substance abuse	2
		Extracurricular activities	2
		Student groups with elevated needs	1
		Topics related to special education students	1
		Suicide prevention	1
		School safety	1
Gun violence	1		
Too broad/too many topics to cover by this one council.	11		
Concerns/comments on membership	6	Specific Comments	
		Too many members	2
		More parent involvement	2
		More student involvement	1
		More school health involvement	1
		More community member involvement	1
		More subject matter experts	1
		More substance abuse counselor involvement	1
Some topics listed should not be included	3		
Disagreement with entire council	1		
Hold virtual meetings	1		
Meet at high schools	1		

Table 5: Please use the box below to provide any additional comments about your answers above or to share other thoughts about the proposal for the **Personnel Advisory Council**

Open-ended topic	# of responses		
Concerns/comments on membership	6	Specific Comments	
		More student involvement	3
		More teacher involvement	2
		More community member involvement	1
		More specialists	1
		No need for parents or students on committee	1
		Membership breakdown is unclear	1
Suggestions of topics to include	4	Specific Topics	
		Work-life balance	1
		Teacher burnout	1
		SROs	1
		Health insurance costs	1
		Principal accountability	1
This council is too broad/the vision is unclear	3		
There is no need for this committee	1		
Hold virtual meetings	1		
Meet at high schools	1		
Term limits should be lower	1		

Table 6: Please use the box below to provide any additional comments about your answers above or to share other thoughts about the proposal for the **Operations Advisory Council**.

Open-ended topic	# of responses		
Suggestions of topics to include	9	Specific Topics	
		Needed building updates	1
		On-time arrivals for buses	1
		High enrollment, crowded classrooms	1
		Hiring police officers for schools	1
		Accessibility	1
		Universal design	1
		Carbon pollution reduction and composting programs	1
		Examining the distribution of demographic groups across schools	1
		Bus-issues (general)	1
Concerns/comments on membership	6	Specific Comments	
		More student involvement	1
		More staff involvement	1
		More community member involvement	1
		More subject matter experts	1
		More parent involvement	1
		Questions about the representation specific to Title 1 schools	1
This council is too broad/the vision is unclear	3		
Editing missing to include focus on utility costs	1		
Unclear vision of council	1		
Concern that this approach to larges changes in this area can't be met with a council, maybe they need to focus on make actionable tasks	1		
Concerns that the committee can't be staffed	1		

Table 7: Is there anything you would like to share about the proposal for **subcommittees**?

Open-ended topic	# of responses		
Structure comments	27	Specific Topics	
		Ad hoc should have outside perspectives	19
		Subcommittees should have a common goal	6
		Committees should be independent of the School Board	4
Standing committees have made real change in APS	14		
Keep current structure and model	13		
Like standing committees	6		
Like ad hoc	5		
Standing committees should only stay for vulnerable populations	4		
Standing committees can become stagnant	2		
School Board should take recommendations from subcommittees	2		
Mix of ad hoc (report to the School Board) and standing (independent)	1		

Table 8: Please share any additional feedback on the Working Groups proposal.

Open-ended topic	# of responses		
Proposals limit feedback opportunities	8	Specific Topics	
		More parent input; allow parents to participate	4
		More teacher input	2
		Student input	1
Like the proposed changes	5		
Need more information about the changes	3		
Like alignment with strategic plan	3		
Time commitment may be too much; not enough return on time investment	3		
Like School Board to direct priorities	1		
Need to align outputs with APS calendar	1		
More focus on academics	1		