

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS

MEETING AGENDA
September 9, 2013
7:00 p.m.
Wakefield HS, Library

A brief tour of Wakefield HS will precede the regular meeting; please gather at the main entrance of parking lot by the Rain Garden at 6:30 p.m. The FAC meeting will be held in the library at 7 p.m., following the tour.

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Introductions/New Members**
- 3. Meeting Schedule, Mondays at 7:00 p.m.:** October 14, November 18, December 9, January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9
- 4. FAC Background & Goals** – Janine Velasco / John Chadwick / Scott Prisco
- 5. Committee Assignments and Reports**
 - Projection/Capacity Subcommittee – Greg Greeley/Lionel White
 - CCPTA – Don Weinstein
 - MC/MM Program – Heather Obora
 - Ashlawn ES – Kelly King
 - McKinley – Scott Prisco
 - New ES #1 – Ron Molteni
 - Master Planning Committee – Hans Bauman
 - MMTSSC
- 6. Project Updates** – Scott Prisco
 - Career Center
 - Wakefield
 - Yorktown
- 7. CIP Schedule / Process** – Staff
- 8. Prioritizing Topics for the Year**
 - More Seat for Students, planning process leading up to 2014 CIP
 - 2014 Budget Proposal
 - Projections / Enrollment
 - General Discussion

Upcoming Meetings:

- McKinley ES Community Meeting: Tuesday, September 10, 2013, 7:00 PM
- BLPC McKinley: Wednesday, September 11, 2013, 7:00 pm at McKinley ES, Library
- School Board meeting: Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 7:30 PM
- PFRC MCKinley: September 18, 2013, 7:00 pm at McKinley ES, Library
- Work Session: TDM, More Seats for More Students, MultiModal Transportation, Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 7:30 PM, Rm. 101
- School Board meeting: Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 7:30 PM
- School Board meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 7:30 PM
- Next FAC meeting: Monday, October 14, 2013

**Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC)
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2013**

Members in attendance: Sally Baird, Hans Bauman, Christian Dorsey, Laura Saul Edwards, Mike Freda, Greg Greeley, Kristin Haldeman, Jennifer Jackson, Kelly King, Keith Klein, Greg Lloyd, Paul McAree, Ron Molteni, John Peck, Scott Prisco, Kevin Reardon, Erin Russo, Jason Rylander, Janine Velasco, Don Weinstein and Lionel White.

1. Building Tour: Scott Prisco led a tour of the new Wakefield High School. The FAC members were impressed with the Commons area, which is filled with comfortable seating, the auditorium, and the use of two major entrances into the school. Scott noted that work is nearly complete on the new gym and swimming pool. Until the gyms are ready for use, the Wakefield students are continuing to use the existing gyms. The new pool facilities will be open on September 15th and the new gyms will be open in mid October. Once the old school is no longer needed, demolition will commence, so that the ground can be prepared for the geothermal HVAC fields.

2. Welcome: Chairperson Janine Velasco called the meeting to order at 7:30pm in the Wakefield library. She began the meeting with a brief summary of the scope and function of the FAC. Janine next introduced Scott Prisco, who is the new APS Director of Design and Construction. Finally, it was noted that John Chadwick would be unable to attend tonight's meeting, as he was attending a County planning board meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes: Janine noted that the draft minutes from the June 2013 meeting had been electronically approved last spring.

4. Introductions: Each member provided a brief self-introduction. The new members and liaisons were welcomed to the Council.

4. Committee Assignments and Reports:

Projection/Capacity Subcommittee: Greg Greeley noted that the PCS was generally inactive over the summer break, but will likely hold its first meeting within the next week. He then invited Lionel White to provide a presentation on the new Enrollment Projection Methodology:

--Providing the correct number of student seats, facilities, teaching staff, and learning assets means you must be able to accurately forecast short-term and long-term enrollment.

--APS closely tracks factors within Arlington such as new construction, apartments versus single-family houses, multi-generation households, students moving to private schools, and dropout rates

--The traditional forecasting methodology relies upon tracking “Cohort Survival”, which is good for short-term forecasts, but becomes less and less reliable the further out you go

--APS is preparing to rollout a new methodology based on GIS (Geographic Information System) technology that should improve the accuracy of his short and long-term projections

Lionel and Greg briefly discussed the number of students who arrived at Arlington schools during the first week of classes. Countywide the numbers were quite close to the forecasts, but varied—sometimes significantly—on a school-by-school basis (e.g., fewer kindergarten-age students arrived at McKinley Elementary School than expected). He is now waiting for the “September 30th” enrollment numbers, which he should be able to provide to the FAC at our October meeting.

Master Planning Committee: Hans Bauman, who is a member of the new APS Master Planning Committee, noted that the group has met about five times under the chairmanship of former School Board member Todd McCracken. They are developing, under the general direction of the Superintendent, a long-term framework for APS strategic decision-making that will attempt to balance conflicting planning priorities and tensions. Hans noted that much of their work could not yet be publicly discussed.

This led into a broad discussion by the FAC of issues related to capacity planning, including the plans for New Elementary School #2 (Kenmore property), the use of generic school buildings that could be rapidly adapted to different grade levels, and whether or not the School Board would be asking the FAC to work on the issue of high school capacity planning this year.

CCPTA: Don Weinstein noted that Ted Hayes is the new chair of the CCPTA, which will hold its first meeting of the school year next Monday. He also noted that there would be several months this school year when the CCPTA and the FAC planned to meet on the same evening.

MC/MM Program: Due to the absence of Heather Obora and Jim Meikle there was no update.

Ashlawn Elementary School: Kelly King reported that the formal groundbreaking ceremony for the Ashlawn expansion was held last week (with several FAC members in attendance). The relocatable classrooms have been moved out of the way. Construction work should begin soon. It was also noted that, despite some public speculation, the shovels used for the groundbreaking were NOT gold-plated but were instead only spray painted that color.

McKinley Elementary School: Kelly noted that she is scheduled to attend a meeting of the BLPC. Scott noted that an architect had been hired.

New Elementary School No. 1: Ron Molteni noted that a BLPC is coming up. Scott reported that APS is working with the County to streamline the use permit process. It was also noted that the process of selecting a name for the school has not yet started. Ron said that natural turf playing fields would be installed using current revenue. This led to a brief discussion amongst the members of the economics of natural versus artificial turf.

Multi-Modal Transportation and Student Safety Special Committee: Kristin Haldeman, liaison between the Transportation Committee and the FAC, provided a brief report on their work. She noted that the Transportation Committee is only chartered for 18 months. Their initial discussions have focused on providing APS students with multiple transportation choices as the best way to deal with congestion management. Kristin also noted that an APS-wide transportation survey is planned for later this year.

5. Project Updates: Scott distributed the monthly update report on the status of the various projects tracked by the FAC.

6. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on 21 October 2013 at Yorktown High School.