

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS

MEETING AGENDA

November 18, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Arlington Traditional School, Library

A brief tour of ATS will precede the regular meeting; please gather at the main entrance at 6:30 p.m. The FAC meeting will be held in the library following the tour.

1. Welcome

2. Committee Assignments and Reports

- Projection/Capacity Subcommittee – Greg Greeley/Lionel White
- MC/MM Program – Heather Obora
- McKinley – Kelly King
- New ES #1 – Ron Molteni

3. Project Updates – Scott Prisco

- Ashlawn ES
- Wakefield
- Yorktown

4. Master Planning Committee – Todd McCracken

5. CIP Schedule / Process – Staff

6. Prioritizing Topics for the Year

- FAC's role moving forward
- General Discussion

Upcoming Meetings:

- School Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 7:30 PM
- BLPC McKinley: Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 7:00 pm at McKinley ES, Library
- PFRC McKinley: Wednesday, November 20, 2013, 7:00 pm at McKinley ES, Library
- Ashlawn BLPC/Community Meeting: Thursday, November 21, 2013, 7:00 pm at Ashlawn ES, Library
- CIP Work Session: Monday, December 2, 2013, Rm. 101
- BLPC MCKinley: December 4, 2013, 7:00 pm at McKinley ES, Library
- School Board meeting: Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 7:30 PM
- Next FAC meeting: Monday, December 9, 2013

**Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC)
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2013**

Members in attendance: Sally Baird, Hans Bauman, John Chadwick, Laura Saul Edwards, Mike Freda, Greg Greeley, Eric Harold, Rebecca Hunter, Jennifer Jackson, Kelly King, Keith Klein, Greg Lloyd, James Meikle, Ron Molteni, Heather Obora, John Peck, Scott Prisco, Jason Rylander, Jeffery Turner, Janine Velasco, and Lionel White.

1. Building Tour: Prior to the start of the meeting, many members of the FAC toured the Arlington Traditional School (ATS), which will be expanded as part of the More Seats for More Children program. ATS is housed in the former Stonewall Jackson Elementary School. Although one of the oldest school buildings in continuing use in the County, it has been extensively remodeled and updated.

2. Welcome: Chairperson Janine Velasco called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the ATS media center.

3. Approval of Minutes: The draft minutes from the October 2013 meeting were approved without changes.

4. Committee Assignments and Reports:

- Projection/Capacity Subcommittee: Greg Greeley provided an update on the work of this subcommittee. All of the Ambassadors who had visited PTA meetings and schools so far gave feedback on those discussions. In summary, many of the PTAs are interested in knowing more about the Middle School options as these schools continue to grow. Additionally, there may be other talking points and consistent messages about transportation and APS next steps that would make the outreach from the FAC members more valuable. Lionel White outlined some of the data from the newest projections report that is being released shortly. There will be some follow-up analysis and review by the Projection/Capacity Subcommittee in the upcoming months.
- MC/MM Program: Heather Obora and Jim Meike indicated that the MC/MM process is underway and there would be a presentation at the next FAC meeting.
- CCPTA: It was noted that Don Weinstein, who serves as the liaison between the FAC and the CCPTA, was attending the concurrent CCPTA meeting this evening. He will report on CCPTA activities at the December FAC meeting.
- McKinley Elementary School: Kelly King said that the McKinley expansion was in the design phase and she shared some schematic drawings for members to review.

- New Elementary School No. 1: Ron Molteni indicated that there were some concerns with parents about the amount of green space that will be disturbed during the construction. Scott indicated that some of the equipment would need to be located on the site rather than on adjacent roads and this would disrupt some of the footprint. There has already been some landscaping and removal of dead/dying trees to prepare for construction. The project status will be briefed to the School Board on December 5.

5. Project Updates: Scott reviewed the monthly project update report. At Wakefield, the new gym is now open and in use. At Ashlawn, he noted that the permit has been issued allowing for the ground to be disturbed.

6. Master Planning Committee: Todd McCracken and Hans Bauman provided an update on this committee, which primarily consists of staff and a few members of the Arlington community (Hans, can you validate that?). The Superintendent had given the group the charge of looking at long range planning for the school system, with the immediate need of looking at a choice school decision framework. Now that the School Board has temporarily tabled the proposal to build a new choice school on the Kenmore campus, the Master Planning Committee adjusted its approach and is now looking at longer term planning and how to address the pressures on secondary level schools.

The Committee will give its report to the Superintendent in May 2014 and that will be the point at which there is a public process for looking at the report's content and Committee's thought process. Given that this committee has not yet produced any interim reports or analysis, the FAC did not see that it would be helpful to engage in any outreach. This may be a priority in May, once the report is accepted/issued by the Superintendent and some outreach by the FAC on its content would help the public engagement process.

7. CIP Schedule: John Chadwick discussed the framework for secondary growth and the 2014 CIP, which will be presented to the School Board shortly. The focus will be on increasing middle and high school capacity within the strategic goals of the Superintendent. He discussed the need to ensure that APS takes a flexible approach and does not overbuild because this current growth could quickly reverse course. One part of building greater flexibility into the system is the use of relocatables, which allow APS to address increases without a large capital investment.

John indicated that the December 2 School Board CIP work session would initiate a public participation phase that will occur through January and will offer many opportunities for input. The materials used in that discussion can also be of use in the range of PTA meetings that the Ambassadors will attend over the next several months to inform the community.

8. Next Meeting: The FAC will meet on 9 December 2013 at Ashlawn Elementary.