

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS

MEETING AGENDA

December 9, 2013

7:00 p.m.

McKinley ES, Library

A brief tour of McKinley ES 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. Security Updates – Kevin Reardon

3. 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

4. Project Updates – Scott Prisco

- Career Center
- Wakefield
- Yorktown

5. Input on SB Questions Re: Community Engagement Process

6. CIP Framework – Staff

7. Next Steps

- More Seat for Students, planning process leading up to 2014 CIP
- General Discussion

Upcoming Meetings:

- CIP Work Session: Tuesday, December 10, 2013, W-L Little Theater
- Tentative Community Meeting on CIP Framework: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at Ed Center
- BLPC McKinley: Tuesday, December 17, 2013, 7:00 pm at McKinley ES, Library
- PFRC McKinley: Wednesday, December 18, 2013, 7:00 pm at McKinley ES, Library
- School Board Meeting: Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 7:30 PM
- School Board meeting: Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 7:30 PM
- Next FAC meeting: Monday, January 13, 2014

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

Members in attendance: Sally Baird, John Chadwick, Christian Dorsey, Laura Saul Edwards, Mike Freda, Greg Greeley, Eric Harold, Jennifer Jackson, Kelly King, Greg Lloyd, James Meikle, Ron Molteni, John Peck, Scott Prisco, Kevin Reardon, Erin Russo, Jason Rylander, Pamela Silberstein, Don Weinstein, Lionel White and Michael Akin (Reingold)

1. Welcome: Vice Chairperson Jason Rylander, in the absence of Chairperson Janine Velasco, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Education Center. He noted that two guests, consultants to APS, would be observing the meeting.
2. Approval of Minutes: The draft minutes from the November 2013 meeting were approved. Don Weinstein noted that the draft minutes had stated that tonight's meeting would be at Ashlawn, which had been changed to McKinley, and now—due to the weather-related closing of APS schools, had been relocated to the Ed Center.
3. Security Update: Kevin Reardon, the APS Security Coordinator, provided the following updates:
 - a. Radio Remediation: Yorktown, Washington-Lee, and Wakefield High Schools were previously identified as having serious problems with radio communications for police and fire. Those problems have now been remediated and verified through checks by the Arlington County Police Department. There is now 100% radio communications at those locations.
 - b. Bus Cameras: APS is currently evaluating the cameras used inside school buses. We had been purchasing a single camera video system for on-board recording. This will be changing to a three-camera system. Approximately 43% of the buses will have a video recording system (this number does not include spare buses not in daily use). Based on the current rate of bus replacement APS will have a video recording system on all regularly used buses in six years.
 - c. Enforcement Cameras: School bus stop arm cameras are high-resolution cameras installed on the exterior of a school bus. They automatically capture images of any vehicle that passes the school bus when it is stopped with flashing red signals and the stop arm extended. In 2011 Virginia amended the traffic code to authorize municipalities to adopt ordinances that allow cameras on school buses for enforcement against drivers violating the law by passing stopped school buses. It also allows school systems to contract with vendors to install and operate video-monitoring systems. Vendors do not place cameras on all buses--only about 10% – 20%. We are in the process of researching this to determine if they should be recommended for use on APS buses.
 - d. School Cameras: We are currently working to improve the use of CCTV cameras in the schools. This includes evaluating the current cameras and servers, recommending replacement or upgrades where needed, and adding

additional cameras as funding allows. Wakefield and Washington-Lee have cameras and we will be installing cameras at Yorktown in the next month.

e. Virginia Legislative Changes: Recent legislative changes in Virginia have mandated a number of required changes in school systems. They included school safety/security checklist reported to DCJS, establishment of threat assessment committees at each school, and numerous other changes that will impact school security.

f. Visitor Management System: We are currently researching visitor management systems for possible use by APS.

4. Committee Assignments and Reports:

Projection/Capacity Subcommittee: Greg Greeley provided an update on upcoming School Board meetings to discuss capacity issues. He also noted that some members of the Jamestown Elementary School community have expressed concern about the meetings that APS is sponsoring with families who have children likely to attend New Elementary School No. 1. These talks are designed to begin the process of forming a PTA structure for the new school, but apparently haven't included all of the prospective families. APS staff noted that they have tried to identify as many of the families as possible, but that it is difficult to identify families without children currently attending APS. Ron Molteni noted that he had attended a meeting at Tuckahoe Elementary School where the discussion turned to possible uses of the former Reed School.

Ashlawn Expansion: Kelly King said that she had attended recent planning meetings—the first since last June. Some attendees raised concerns about needed improvements to the current building. Scott Prisco will address these concerns.

Master Planning Committee: It was noted that there would no longer be a monthly update from this group.

CCPTA: Don Weinstein briefly reviewed the 18 November meeting. Highlights included: the Budget Advisory Council representative stated that APS is likely to experience a budget shortfall; Dr. Hobbs invited participation in the annual Calendar Planning Committee; Supt. Murphy discussed the "Walden Report" ("The Economic Impact of Arlington Public Schools"—available on the APS website), and the "Big Data Competition" to develop an analytic model to assist in further decreasing the dropout rate; and a note from Raj Adusumilli that StudentVue will be rolled out in the very near future.

MC/MM Program: Jim Meilke's update was postponed to next month due to the press of other FAC business.

McKinley Expansion: There continue to be issues about where the addition should go. At a recent meeting one citizen suggested that in place of one large

addition, two small additions should be built, to make better use of the available space.

New Elementary School No. 1: The final design will be brought before the School Board on 19 December.

5. Project Updates: Scott reviewed the monthly project update report. He noted that demolition of the former Wakefield High School facilities continues, and a small number of “punch list” items are still being completed at Yorktown High School and at the Career Center. He also stated that the Wakefield bleacher project would be open for bids later this month.

6. Input on School Board Question Regarding the Community Engagement Process: A large portion of the meeting focused on an informal discussion of questions related to the Capital Improvement Plan and More Seats for More Children. Virtually every member contributed his or her informed thoughts on a set of discussion questions related to capacity planning for the middle and high schools. Lionel White showed a map of Arlington detailing middle school and high school seating deficits by school zone.

Much of the discussion, at John’s suggestion, focused on non-capital solutions to the capacity problem. Erin Russo noted that some parents already think that our middle schools are too large. Don Weinstein suggested that “accelerated graduation” be added to the list of non-capital options—meaning a formal program of allowing well-qualified students to “skip” certain grades or semesters, decreasing the number of middle and high school students within the school system. Similar programs have had varied levels of success elsewhere in the nation.

John noted that two stakeholder meetings would be held at Kenmore Middle School on 17 December and 2 January to solicit the thoughts of community members. He read the list of potential invitees and asked for other suggestions. FAC members added the chairs of the Arlington Education Association, the Special Education PTA, and the Montessori PTA. In addition to these specific invitees, all Arlington citizens will be welcome to attend.

7. CIP Framework: John reviewed the 12-section framework and there was a brief discussion of the issue of Arlington’s debt limit.

8. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on 13 January 2014 at a location to be announced.