

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS

MEETING AGENDA

February 10, 2014

6:30 p.m.

Ed Center, Board Room

1. **Welcome**
2. **Approve Minutes**
3. **Areas of critical demand & school site options**
4. **Review CIP Stakeholder Feedback Forum & SB Workshop**
5. **Decision Lens Process**
6. **Committee Assignments and Reports**
 - Projection/Capacity Subcommittee – Greg Greeley/Lionel White
 - CCPTA – Don Weinstein
 - MC/MM Program – Heather Obora
 - McKinley – Kelly King
7. **Project Updates – Scott Prisco**
 - Ashlawn
 - Career Center
 - New ES
 - Wakefield
 - Yorktown
8. **Next Steps**
 - More Seat for Students, planning process leading up to 2014 CIP
 - General Discussion

Upcoming Meetings:

- BLPC McKinley: Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 7:00 PM, McKinley ES, Library
- PFRC McKinley: Wednesday, February 19, 2014, 7:00 PM McKinley ES, Library
- School Board Meeting: Thursday, February 20, 2014, 7:30 PM
- BLPC McKinley: Tuesday, February 25, 2014, 7:00 PM, McKinley ES, Library
- Superintendent's FY15 Budget Presentation and Work Session #1, Thursday, February 27, 2014, 7:30 PM
- Budget Work Session #2, Rm. 101, Wednesday, March 5, 2014, 7:30 PM
- School Board meeting: Thursday, March 6, 2014, 7:30 PM
- Budget Work Session #3, Rm. 101, Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 5:00 PM
- Next FAC meeting: Monday, March 10, 2014

**Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC)
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2014**

Members in attendance: Hans Bauman, John Chadwick, Laura Saul Edwards, Mike Freda, Eric Harold, Rebecca Hunter, Jennifer Jackson, Kelly King, Keith Klein, Greg Lloyd, Ron Molteni, Paul McAree, John Peck, Scott Prisco, Pam Silberstein, Jeffrey Turner, Janine Velasco, Don Weinstein, and Lionel White.

1. Welcome: Chairperson Janine Velasco called the meeting to order at 6:30pm in the Board Room at the Ed Center. The early start was due to a particularly full agenda.

2. Approval of Minutes: The draft minutes from the January 2014 meeting were approved without changes. It was noted that the school board has received the letter approved last month by the FAC.

3. Project Updates: Scott Prisco provided the following items:

- Career Center: Work is essentially complete. A feasibility study relating to the capacity issue is nearing completion.
- New Elementary School #1: Bids from prospective construction companies are due on 19 February with the results to be presented to the School Board on 6 March.
- Wakefield: Demolition of the former pool and gym are underway. Once completed, drilling will begin for the geothermal field.
- Yorktown: The project is nearing closeout, with only a few minor items still open. Don Weinstein noted that the school has locked the courtyard, apparently to keep the students from walking through the courtyard during the cold weather.
- Ashlawn Expansion: Steel will start to go up in a few weeks. Scott has met with community members to resolve site issues related to trees.

4. Committee Assignments and Ambassador Reports:

- Don Weinstein did not report on the CCPTA, since in January the FAC and the CCPTA met on the same night, and he had attended the FAC.
- There was no MC/MM program report as neither Heather Obora nor Jim Meikle were present.
- Rebecca Hunter noted that Taylor parents would be delighted if the Stratford building was returned to its former role as a middle school. She also noted that a) the Career Center has developed an interesting vision statement, b) the Key parents seem not to be overly concerned with the current APS capacity issues, and c) she had met with the Special Education PTA.
- Laura Saul Edwards noted that the Nottingham community is closely following the capacity process. She also discussed comments made by H-B Woodlawn students and parents regarding the capacity issue, identifying these key points:

- The H-B Woodlawn community wants to participate in any planning involving their program
- They strongly want to stay with the Stratford, HILT and Asperger's programs, with whom they currently share space
- They want to remain roughly the same size (or no more than about 10% larger), believing that the small size of the program has been critical to its success.

Laura's comments led to a lengthy discussion about the H-B Woodlawn program, informed by comments from Hans Bauman, who is an alumnus.

- Ron Molteni noted that the Jamestown community is mostly concerned about the role of New Elementary School #1, as the new school will pull away a significant portion of the current Jamestown student population.
- Paul McAree stated that portions of the Claremont and Oakridge communities are upset about the School Board's decision to hold off, at least for now, on building New Elementary School #2 on the Kenmore campus. Paul stated that the sentiment is "getting ugly".
- John Peck noted that he had attended an Ashlawn community forum, and will be holding a special meeting with the Swanson parents to discuss the More Seats planning process. John also spoke about the Washington-Lee parents, who have been very proactive about the capacity problem. He noted that the Washington-Lee community appears to oppose the possible construction of a middle school on the W-L campus, preferring instead for the site to be used for an addition to W-L. They also favor a partnership with Marymount University, and are interested in possible uses for Quincy Park.
- In response to a comment by John Peck that he had met with housing advocates, there was a brief discussion of housing construction and "child generation" within Arlington. John Chadwick said that, in comparison with other nearby jurisdictions, Arlington still has a low percentage of households with children. He also mentioned that APS only directly includes new multi-family housing projects in enrollment projections when the projects have been approved by the County Board.
- Eric Harold attended a PTA meeting at Drew Elementary. His comments largely followed the communications plan provided to the Ambassadors. He said that there were questions about the use of relocatables, and about potential sites for new construction.
- Laura noted that many of the questions from community stakeholders had common themes, which the Ambassadors should be prepared to answer. Eric agreed, emphasizing that the public wants to know how their inputs will be used.

Following up on Laura and Eric's comments, the Reingold consultants to APS distributed packets containing a "tool kit" of information that should be helpful when FAC members meet with PTA and other community groups. Lionel White reminded the FAC members, particularly the Ambassadors, that APS was planning a series of public meetings to discuss the capacity issue and obtain public input. There was a brief discussion of the 5 February meeting at Washington-Lee which many FAC members attended. The session was moderated by John Chadwick, Meg Tuccillo (who is back as a consultant), and

Lionel White. Lionel will be sending out a sign up sheet to ensure that at least two FAC members (particularly Ambassadors) are at each session.

5. Decision Lens Analysis: A major portion of the meeting was devoted to an exercise, requested by Sally Baird, where the FAC members performed pair-wise comparisons to prioritize FY 15 CDP/CIP options. Using automated voting devices, the members worked through many pair-wise comparisons, individually deciding which item was more important, and by how much. The results will be provided to the School Board for their information. Similar exercises are scheduled with a few other stakeholder groups.

6. Next Meeting: The FAC plans to meet next on 10 March 2014 at a location to be announced.