

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Work Session on Enrollment and Transfers for Schools and Programs
and High School Options
April 18, 2017

Item C-1-a

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 7:10 PM at 1426 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.

Present were:

Nancy Van Doren, Chair
Barbara Kanninen, Vice Chair
Reid Goldstein, Member
James Lander, Member
Tannia Talento, Member
Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk

Also present were:

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent
Linda Erdos, Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations
Cintia Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Dr. Tara Natrass, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Collen Koval, Compliance Officer
Lisa Stengle, Director, Planning and Evaluation
Lionel White, Director, Facilities Planning

Dr. Murphy and Ms. Van Doren welcomed everyone to the Enrollment and Transfers and High School Options work session. Ms. Stengle began the conversation by outlining the goals of the meeting. These included receiving Board direction, gathering questions and reviewing documents.

Updating Policy 25-2.2 Enrollment and Transfers for Schools and Programs

Ms. Stengle shared a timeline for various processes that overlap and affect policy revisions, including policy 25-2.2 which was last updated in 2001. The revisions to policy 25-2.2 that the Board will consider in June will take effect in the 2018-19 school year. The Board engaged in a discussion to provide feedback on the proposed policy and policy implementation procedures. They also shared concerns regarding Board involvement in the policy implementation procedures and agreed to provide staff with follow-up questions. The Board directed staff to maintain consistent wording throughout documents. They also discussed the information the Board would like to be included in the proposed Annual Report to have shared with the Board in the fall of 2017.

Furthermore, the Board discussed clearly defining the following topics in both the policy and policy implementation procedures:

- Transportation Options
- Walk zones
- Immersion programs (Discuss zones)
- Balance enrollment

- Sibling preference including defining twins
- Lottery
- Appeals

High School Options

Dr. Natrass presented the Board with a table of strengths and challenges identified through community feedback on the proposed sites for high school seats, which are the Education Center Site, Kenmore, and Career Center. Dr. Natrass described how feedback was gathered through community forums, online surveys, and conversations with various advisory groups. To conclude, Dr. Natrass presented the Board with the criteria staff is proposing to further analyze each site and use to provide the Board with site recommendations for their vote in June.

Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Projects (FAC)

Mr. Greeley, Chair of the FAC, shared concerns raised by FAC members regarding the proposed High School Options. Some of the concerns include timeliness in completing projects, student demographics, walkability, balance capacity, structured extra-curricular activities and responsible spending.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM.

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Nancy Van Doren, Chair
Arlington School Board