

2018 – 2019 BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL
Wednesday, October 10, 2018
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

The meeting started at 6:35 PM.

1. Welcome
 - a. Nine members were present: Bob Ramsey (co-Chair), Juan Gordon, Sr., Melanie Bowen, David Rosenblatt, Lida Anestidou, Daniel Rosman, Matt Hochstein, Sheila Leonard, Jennifer Wagener; APS staff members Leslie Peterson and Tameka Lovett-Miller; and School Board Liaison Tannia Talento.
2. Remarks from Tannia Talento
 - a. Board starting pre-budget meetings in November with a goal of hearing any key items or concerns in advance of the budget coming out – new this year
 - b. New budget direction
 - c. Both APS and Arlington County have sizable expected budget deficits in this budget cycle
 - d. APS will be asking for additional funding from the County but must also have plans in case no funding becomes available
 - e. Includes the desire for the one-time funding for class sizes to be restored
 - f. Board does not want to increase class size, and wants to pay staff competitively and continue to hire appropriate levels of psychologists/social workers
 - g. Five new schools opening next September
 - h. Requested the BAC review the recently adopted [School Board Action Plan](#)
3. Public Comment (Josh Folb representing Arlington Education Association)
 - a. Reviewed three categories of compensation practices
 - i. Step increase
 - ii. Market rate adjustment (Unclear if the Market Rate Adjustment is currently in process or still a future goal)
 - iii. Cost of living adjustment
 - b. Wants to have a cost of living adjustment tied to an index; is proposing to use the social security increase
 - c. Is open to a better index if there is another suggestion
 - d. Varying the amounts based on the class/tier of APS employees
 - e. Goal is to create predictability
 - f. Suggestion from the BAC to try to articulate the dollar impact of the proposal
4. Liaison Reports
 - a. ACI (Kevin Dezfulian)
 - i. World language study, including FLES, is just starting so it won't be ready for the Feb. budget cycle - we might be able to get some guidance from someone on the committee
 - ii. Devices study should have some results to share with us prior to the budget cycle – but it is an aggressive timeline
 - b. FAC (Lida Anestidou). Distributed a report with all the various projects that are in the works – the FAC gets an updated version in their meetings
5. Staff Report
 - a. Budget Direction

6. Old Business

- a. Cecilia and Bob are adjusting the BAC meeting plan and will be sending out a revised version
- b. The BAC reviewed the proposed changes to our policy document and provided input
- c. Designation of liaisons (to other committees)
 - i. Lida – FAC
 - ii. ACI (meets every month; first Wednesday of the month from 7-9pm) – Sheila interested and will confirm logistics
 - iii. Cecilia – CCPTA
 - iv. Bob – ECBC
 - v. ACTC (meets every other month) – David interested (he also serves on the Special Education Committee)

7. Meeting concluded at 8:25PM.