

**2018 – 2019 BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday, December 12, 2018**  
**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

The meeting started at 7:05 PM.

1. Welcome
  - a. Nine members were present: Cecilia Ciepiela-Kaelin (Chair), Bob Ramsey (co-Chair), Juan Gordon, Sr., Chuck Rush, Dan Rosman, Heather Jones, Sheila Leonard, Melanie Bowen, Jennifer Wagener; and APS staff member Leslie Peterson.
2. Public Comment (Josh Folb representing Arlington Education Association)
  - a. Governor is looking to fund more money for teacher salaries
  - b. Would like to see all close-out rolled into reserves for next year
  - c. COLA proposal is now an active project for AEA; tied of social security increase
3. Liaison Reports
  - a. FAC
    - i. Last meeting covered MCOMM (Minor Construction/Major Maintenance)
  - b. CCPTA (Cecilia)
    - i. Was not able to attend the last meeting
    - ii. Last meeting covered mostly non-budget related items
  - c. ACI – no liaison
  - d. ECBC (Bob)
    - i. Two meetings since last BAC meeting
    - ii. Lots of input has been given and the committee is working hard to take the input and reflect on it
    - iii. Second meeting was an open house to display design work
    - iv. Some controversy over the proposed bridge, particularly if the Education Center needs to be converted to an elementary school in the future
4. Staff Comments
  - a. Close-out vote was pushed out to January
5. Transportation (Kristin Haldeman)
  - a. Kristin works in Facilities and Operations; Director of Transportation Planning
  - b. 189 vehicles; 149 drivers and 154 routes covering 407 trips
    - i. About 2,500 bus stops
  - c. Less drivers than routes – it is an industry wide challenge to find bus drivers
  - d. 15,000+ students eligible for transportation but only about 5,500 use the transportation (36%)
    - i. Long trips, early pickups, non-convenient bus stops are most common reasons – looking to survey to get more information on reasons for low usage
    - ii. Certain routes have plenty of capacity
    - iii. Neighborhood schools have more usage than option schools
    - iv. Goal is to fill up the buses that exist to make for a more efficient system overall
  - e. Bell times of various schools makes it hard for a bus to service multiple schools
    - i. Some tweaking to these, especially the elementary schools, could help

with routes

- f. Other ideas include consolidated stops and/or allowing families to pick any stop on a route
    - i. There is some software that helps with this
  - g. APS has created an expectation that the buses come to all the students
  - h. BAC suggestion to break out costs by neighborhood schools and option schools
  - i. Working on a plan to potentially integrate ART buses into APS transportation routes
  - j. Consider making a transportation project/challenge to some of the students
  - k. Consider better consolidation across general buses and special ed buses
  - l. Longer term opportunity for the county and APS to discuss joint transportation efforts
6. Other Business
- a. Cecilia will circulate the content from the MCMM presentation to the FAC
  - b. Will discuss per pupil costs in the January meeting

Meeting concluded at 9:01PM.