

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Work Session on 1:1 Digital Device Model

Item C-1-e

The Arlington School Board convened on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 6:35 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.

Present were:

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Barbara Kanninen, Member
Nancy Van Doren, Member
Claudia Mercado, Clerk

Also present were:

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent
Raj Adusumilli, Assistant Superintendent, Information Services
Dr. Tara Natrass, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Teaching and Learning
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management
Terance Proctor, Director, Technology Services
Sarah Putnam, Director, Teaching & Learning
Keith Reeves, Instruction Technology Coordinator, Discovery Elementary School
Matt Smith, Special Projects Coordinator, Information Services

Mr. Goldstein called the meeting to order and announced that Ms. Talento was on medical leave so was unable to attend the work session.

Dr. Natrass introduced the work session by presenting the 1:1 digital device model implemented in grades 3-12, framing the context of why school districts use devices for student support, and speaking of the APS instructional goals. She reviewed the technical support provided to students, general staffing allocation, and the responsibilities/roles of an educational technologist. Furthermore, Dr. Natrass shared possible concerns to consider related to screen time such as student health and social-emotional impact. She also presented further considerations for the Board to review to continue to improve instructional pedagogy. Mr. Reeves eloquently described use of educational technology at the elementary level, providing examples of a regular instructional day. Ms. Peterson and Mr. Adusumilli provided an overview of the technology services budget, the Virginia Department of Education Student Technology Support Requirements (SOQs), and spoke about cross departmental collaboration to manage technology at APS. Ms. Peterson explained the cost of devices, budgetary impact, and the financing timetable.

During the work session, the Board discussed the implementation of device use at the different levels, student access to Wi-Fi, and exploring the shared-device model. Board members expressed their interest in learning more about the use of 1:1 devices to enhance instruction and the professional development support. The Board shared concerns related to consistent data collection and assessment throughout the school system to ascertain effective use of devices.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 PM.

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Reid Goldstein, Chair
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