

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board and Executive Leadership Team Retreat
June 28, 2019

Item C-1-f

The Arlington School Board convened on Friday, June 28, 2019, at 1:09 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.

Present were:

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Tannia Talento, Vice Chair
Barbara Kanninen, Member
Monique O’Grady, Member
Nancy Van Doren, Member
Melanie Elliott, Clerk

Also present were:

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent
Raj Adusumilli, Assistant Superintendent, Information Services
John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations
Catherine Ashby, Acting Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations
Tara Natrass, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management
Erin Wales-Smith, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation
Jeannette Allen, Director, Administrative Services
Julia Burgos, Chief of Staff
Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk
Lizette Torres, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Barbara Hunter, Facilitator

Welcome, Retreat Purpose and Objectives

Mr. Goldstein called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. He and Dr. Murphy reviewed the retreat purpose and the objectives of the meeting: to identify priorities for 2019-2020 in alignment with the APS Strategic Plan, and to define the work and communication structures to be used to work on strategic plan performance objectives. Ms. Hunter reviewed guidelines for the retreat, and Dr. Natrass presented a brief overview of the key components of the Strategic Plan.

After working in small groups, participants discussed Strategic Plan performance objectives and identified three objectives as top priorities for the school year. Participants also agreed that work will continue to address all performance objectives throughout the school year. The group also identified high priority, non-negotiable tasks that must be accomplished in the coming year. These are the superintendent search, development of the Capital Improvement Plan, the FY 2021 Operational Budget, and boundary initiatives.

Mr. Goldstein called for a brief recess at 2:40 PM, and the group reconvened at 2:50 PM.

The next discussion focused on roles and responsibilities of the Board and Executive Leadership Team (ELT). The group also reviewed survey results on proposed topics for Board meeting agendas and how these topics should be presented.

Additional small group work was done to develop a common understanding of communication tools and meeting types used by APS. The Board and staff then discussed how to streamline communication vehicles for efficiency and effectiveness, and agreed to continue to look for opportunities to strengthen communication.

Next Steps and Closing Remarks

Ms. Hunter summarized the discussion, confirming priorities for the coming year. Ms. Talento and Dr. Murphy thanked all for their participation and looked forward to continued communication and collaboration between the Board and the ELT.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Arlington School Board