

## 2019 – 2020 BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 18, 2019

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

The meeting started at 7:03 PM.

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Twelve members were present: Cecilia Ciepiela-Kaelin (Past Chair), Bob Ramsey (Chair), Melanie Bowen (Vice-Chair), Cristina Diaz-Torres, Heather Jones, Lida Anestidou, Sheila Leonard, Wei Chen, Katherine Christensen, Erik Sullivan, Lisa Blackwell, and Jennifer Wagener
  - b. APS staff member: Leslie Peterson
  - c. School Board Liaison: Monique O’Grady
2. Public Comment
  - a. Josh Folb, from the Arlington Education Association (AEA) distributed their goals for this year:
    - i. Fully funded compensation plan (STEP and COLA). The last year both were funded was the 2008-2009 budget year
    - ii. A seat at the table for the APS compensation study
    - iii. Every APS employee placed on a salary scale
    - iv. Elimination of longevity wait steps
3. Liaison Appointments and Reports--Committees the BAC needs representation on:
  - a. ACI, now ATL (Teaching & Learning) – Lisa (already sits on this)
  - b. FAC – Cecilia
  - c. Career Center Expansion Building Committee – Heather
    - i. First meeting was earlier this week
    - ii. Career Center will be an option/program school for the near term
    - iii. Hope to include features that would allow this to be a comprehensive high school in the future – flexible build
  - d. Education Center Building Committee – Bob
  - e. ACTC (Transportation) – Erik
    - i. Met last week
    - ii. ART bus pilot has started – expect growth in this area
    - iii. Hub stops has eliminated some bus routes from option schools
  - f. CCPTA (PTA) – Lisa (already sits on this)
4. APS Administrative Conference
  - a. Jenn Wagener attended this in August on behalf of the BAC as a community guest
  - b. The conference is the annual kick-off to the school year with the school Principals and APS administrators (about 300 people)
  - c. Morning session was presented by the School Board, Dr. Murphy and the new interim Superintendent (Cintia Johnson)
  - d. Majority of the day provided break-out sessions for staff to receive professional development and learnings on various topics
5. New Charter for BAC

- a. School Board has policies around the various committees that exist – these were combined into a single umbrella policy around all committees
  - b. A Policy Implementation Procedure is to be put together for each committee - Leslie has prepared a draft of this for review
    - i. This will be sent out electronically for BAC input prior to the next meeting
6. School Board's FY2021 Budget Direction – Monique O'Grady
- a. School Board will be providing this to the Interim Superintendent in tomorrow night's meeting (the draft document is online)
  - b. Needs-based budget
  - c. Strategic Plan Priorities
    - i. Opportunity gap – ensure all students are successful in the system
    - ii. Mental Health; such as adding more psychologists and social workers
    - iii. Identify one person they have made an important connection within APS
  - d. Staff compensation – importance of the compensation study
  - e. Funding for continued growth
  - f. Continue to implement growth of Arlington Tech (at Career Center)
  - g. Funds to implement key findings from external reviews/recommendations
  - h. Identify efficiencies and cost savings
  - i. Explore increases in Revenue
  - j. Note: One of the BAC's duties is to provide recommendations on the budget direction. Since the BAC doesn't start meeting until after the School Board has drafted this (in early September), the BAC needs to consider providing these recommendations in our year-end report
7. The Superintendent's Proposed Budget – an Overview
- a. Leslie began an overview of the budget document – to be continued in our next meeting
  - b. At minimum, read the Executive Summary – it is a good summary
    - i. The rest are details around items in the Exec Summary
    - ii. Recommended that new members read the previous years' Executive Summary in advance

The meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.