ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting October 16, 2019

The Arlington School Board convened on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, at 2:05 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.

Present were:

Tannia Talento, Member Barbara Kanninen, Member Nancy Van Doren, Member

Also present were:

Julia Burgos, Chief of Staff

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM.

The subcommittee received a document from the Department of Teaching and Learning summarizing how instructional policies are being organized to be brought forward for review, based on common themes and how the policies are related. Also reviewed was a document outlining references to inclusion throughout all APS policies. The group discussed how inclusion relates to equity, and considered whether there should be a separate policy or statement on inclusion; if inclusion should be incorporated into the equity policy; or if the current references to inclusion are sufficient. The group also discussed the number to be assigned to the equity policy, and agreed to follow the numbering scheme used by the Virginia School Boards Association. The group also reviewed the proposed Human Resources policy and Policy Implementation Procedure (PIP) revision schedule, and suggested that staff consider moving workplace violence policy sooner in the review process.

The subcommittee then reviewed five policies under revision. The subcommittee agreed with staff recommendations on instructional policies I-8.1 Grouping, I-1.33 Instruction, I-1.30 Goals, and I-1.31 Goals. Ms. Burgos shared plans to retire four policies related to security, as they are no longer relevant due to the recent reorganization of safety and security policies. A proposed change to the Admissions and Placement PIP, related to Arlington Tech requirements, was also shared. While the Board does not act on PIPs, Ms. Burgos confirmed that revisions to the Options and Transfer policy will be brought forward in the future. Finally, proposed changes to Policy I-7.2.3.30 Communications were presented. These changes related to translation and are responsive to the recent Department of Justice agreement, and the policy will continue through the staff's policy review process.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk Arlington School Board Tannia Talento, Chair Arlington School Board