

2019 – 2020 BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL

December 11, 2019

The meeting started at 7:07 PM.

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Thirteen members were present: Bob Ramsey (Chair), Melanie Bowen (Vice-Chair), Cecilia Ciepiela-Kaelin, Cristina Diaz-Torres, Chuck Rush, Erik Sullivan, Wei Chen, Heather Jones, Lida Anestidou, Katherine Christensen, Lisa Blackwell, Juan Gordon, Jr., 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), provided a compensation update that an internal auditor is working on how planning factors are actually implemented at the classroom level
 - b. AEA is looking forward to reviewing this report when it comes out
3. Reports
 - a. School Board Update – Monique O'Grady
 - i. Summer school
 1. Format was changed last year to try to decrease costs but actual cost exceeded original budget due to higher enrollment
 2. Plan to change the format again to offer the program only to students who are academically behind
 - a. Will no longer offer enrichment classes (i.e. Global Village)
 - b. Will need to find additional space;
 - c. Plan to talk to the County about adding Parks & Recs programs and/or connecting families with external programs
 - ii. Program of Studies Courses
 1. Adding additional classes such as African American studies, Early Childhood, Cybersecurity
 2. The Board is excited to add these opportunities for students
 3. They were able to add these courses using budget contingency funds (adding 3 to 4 FTEs); but will need to evaluate budgeting for the long term
 - iii. Chief Diversity Officer
 1. Interviews have been in process
 2. There will likely be a recommendation for hire at the December Board meeting
 - iv. Pre-K
 1. The Governor is allocating almost a billion dollars towards pre-K education in his upcoming budget (based on a recent press release)
 2. Feasible this could get traction and pass
 3. These funds would require a matching component (if they follow the existing guidelines)

4. We need to wait and see what passes before any action can be taken
- b. Liaison Reports
 - i. ACTL
 1. Committee met last week and heard a presentation from the Office of Excellence
 2. Notable discussion was around the work of 2 FTE team that works with elementary teachers to observe teacher and provide them feedback upon the request of Principals. This is not a large team for the number of Elementary Schools/teachers at APS.
 - ii. FAC
 1. Committee discussed progress on public facilities master plan with Arlington County
 2. The group is doing an inventory of potential properties and facilities and will engage community feedback when draft is available
 3. "Community benefits" is an attribute not applied to schools today; looking to modify this
 - iii. Career Center Expansion Building Committee –
 1. The last meeting largely focused on parking
 2. Charge is to consider 400 to 500 spaces
 3. Several options – strong opinions from nearby residents
 - iv. ACTC (Transportation) Next meeting in January
 - v. CCPTA
 1. Met earlier this week and had a discussion on grants process
 2. They are also working on guidelines for proper PTA spending
4. Minutes from November Meeting approved by all members (with amendment as prepared by Bob Ramsey)
5. New Policy Implementation Procedure (Charter) for the BAC - postponed to January meeting
6. Student Enrollment and Demographics Briefing – Robert Ruiz
 - a. Draft 10-Year Enrollment Projections Preview -
 - i. Projections have evolved over time due in part to closer collaboration between APS and County regarding key projection drivers
 - b. Contributions to enrollment growth
 - i. Larger incoming K cohorts than 12th grade graduating cohorts
 - ii. Projected birth rates (which were revised in 2019 based on actual birth rates, resulting in 3,200 fewer students in 2028, mostly impacting elementary seats)
 - iii. Residential housing growth
 - iv. Net Arlington migration rates
 - c. Projections
 - i. Built bottoms up (school by school) and compared to top line county drivers – these should be in alignment
 - ii. Pre-K not included in projections
 - iii. New version released mid-December
 - iv. January 2020 – new capacity utilization tables will be used to refine seat capacity

- v. February 11 – CIP projection work session will be held with new enrollment and capacity utilization tables
- d. Discussion
 - i. Group thought it could be interesting to look at the projections by segment (i.e. income level) to see if there are any differences (i.e. birth rates) that would impact projections

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.