

## 2020 – 2021 BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL

January 13, 2021

Online via MS Teams

The meeting started at 7:00 PM.

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Thirteen members were present: Melanie Bowen (Chair), Chuck Rush (Vice-Chair), Katherine Christensen, Juan Gordon, Bob Ramsey, Erik Sullivan, Julie Davis, Sean Miller, Valerie Smith, Nellie Carr, Dedra Curteman and Jennifer Wagener
  - b. APS staff member Leslie Peterson
  - c. School Board Liaison Monique O'Grady
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. The December minutes were approved by all members
3. Public Comment
  - a. Josh Folb, AEA. Provided comment on the compensation study and addressed some of the flaws he saw in the data sets used. Highlighted the practice of fractional staffing and its contribution to some of the budget challenges.
  - b. Zach Levin (Yorktown HS Junior and member of Student Advisory Council). Introduced himself and noted his participation to better understand the budget process and provide a student perspective.
4. Compensation Study – Leslie Peterson
  - a. Provided the BAC on overview of the briefing provided to the School Board.
  - b. Focused the BAC's attention to the recommendations of the study and the evaluation and implementation process.
5. Review of budget allocations to schools in FY '21 Budget – Leslie Peterson
  - a. Provided the BAC an overview on the planning factors used to staff schools, especially for general education, special education, and English Second Learner positions.
  - b. Gave a walk-through example using an elementary school to outline how budget figures are derived for staffing and material costs
6. Update on FY22 budget process – Leslie Peterson
  - a. Leslie noted that state and county revenue projections were coming shortly and would help inform the FY21 and 22 budgets.
  - b. Highlighted the \$8.4 million in CARES Act funding Arlington received. No decisions were made as of the meeting on guidance or use.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.