

2020 – 2021 BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL

March 3, 2021

Online via MS Teams

The meeting started at 7:03 PM.

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Fourteen 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, Lisa Blackwell, Michael Lyons, Sal Tajuddin and Jennifer Wagener
 - i. Dedra Curteman joined via phone
 - b. APS staff member Leslie Peterson
 - c. School Board (fill-in) Liaison Cristina Diaz-Torres
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. The January minutes will be approved at the next meeting.
3. Remarks on the Proposed Budget and process – Cristina Diaz-Torres
 - a. Budget designed to “get us through” – still much uncertainty around the pandemic and revenue
 - b. Long term focused – continued investment in the most vulnerable student populations (English learners and special education)
 - c. Federal funding will not fill our entire gap – reductions will be necessary
4. Overview of the FY22 Proposed Budget – Leslie Peterson
 - a. Budget process starts with the previous year’s budget as the baseline
 - i. 1% reduction in Revenue projected (over last year) - \$662 million
 - ii. 5% increase in Expenses projected - \$704 million
 1. Includes \$9 million for 2% cost of living compensation adjustment for all staff
 2. \$5 million of new budget requests
 3. \$5 million for enrollment growth
 - a. Based on a blend of September 2019 and September 2020 enrollment figures
 - b. BAC suggestion to get better data on parents’ intent to enroll to better plan for a realistic enrollment estimate
 - iii. \$42.5 million projected shortfall
 - iv. 3 tiers of potential reductions
 1. Tier 1: \$18.3 million (30 FTEs)
 2. Tier 2: \$18.2 million (42 FTEs)
 3. Tier 3: \$5.3 million (0 FTEs)
 - v. Possibility of approximately \$20.5 million of federal funds (based on Congress)
 1. Unclear of the parameters for how the funds can be used
5. Discussion of plan to collect, discuss, and share BAC feedback – Melanie Bowen
 - a. Topline comments (big picture, structural, federal funding)
 - b. Revenue suggestions (fees)

c. Expense suggestions (remove, shift tiers, increase/add)

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.