

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS **Item C-1-e**
School Board Committee of the Whole on the Middle School and High School
Program of Studies
December 10, 2021

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 6:32 PM at the Syphax Education Center, 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Present were:

Monique O’Grady, Chair
Barbara Kanninen, Vice Chair
Reid Goldstein, Member (arr. 6:33 PM)
Tannia Talento, Member (participated virtually)
Nancy Van Doren, Member (participated virtually)

Also present were:

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent
Brian Stockton, Chief of Staff
Bridget Loft, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
Sarah Putnam, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Tyrone Byrd, Director of Secondary Education
Cheryl McCullough, Supervisor, Gifted Services

Ms. O’Grady called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM and announced that Ms. Van Doren and Mr. Goldstein were participating virtually from their homes in Arlington, Virginia, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Board and staff from the Department of Teaching and Learning (DTL) held a committee of the whole meeting to provide the Board with a better understanding of the development of the Middle School and High School Program of Studies (POS) and to discuss feedback from the Board. Staff provided an overview of the timeline and collaboration between DTL and school staff to determine what classes to include in the POS. The group discussed how pilot courses are identified and developed, efforts to include intensified courses at the middle schools, and challenges with being able to offer dual enrollment courses. Additional topics discussed were potential cost savings, the role of the Board in the development of the POS, and how to ensure the POS supports multiple pathways for success.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Monique O’Grady, Chair
Arlington School Board