

2020 – 2021 BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL

March 17, 2021

Online via MS Teams

The meeting started at 7:04 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, Nellie Carr, Dedra Curteman, Lisa Blackwell, Michael Lyons, Sal Tajuddin and Jennifer Wagener
 - b. APS staff member Leslie Peterson
 - c. School Board Liaison Monique O'Grady
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. The March 10th minutes were approved by all members.
3. Public Comment – Josh Folb, AEA
 - a. As things start to improve (i.e., local revenues), APS should consider any opportunity to look at staff compensation
4. Any additional remarks for the committee – Monique O'Grady
 - a. Key points from the latest budget work session:
 - i. Enrollment – Dr. Duran shared that a survey will be going out soon to gather more information from families
 1. Other school districts across the country are also dealing with the issue of enrollment uncertainty
 - ii. Dr. Duran does not recommend increasing class size at this time based on how the pandemic has impacted students and teachers
 - iii. Looking forward to more info on the recovery act funds
5. Any updates for the committee – Leslie Peterson
 - a. \$1.6 million increase in state revenue expected based on proposed budget
 - i. This will come with requirements (such as including a required staff compensation increase)
6. Final input from group on BAC document for Board – Melanie Bowen
 - a. The BAC reviewed the draft budget document; covering the budget overall, Revenue and Expense areas
 - b. It is believed that APS cannot accomplish all its equity goals in light of the current budget status, but its important that an equity lens is applied to all reductions to make sure they are equally distributed across student groups
 - c. Key discussion areas:
 - i. Middle school activities
 - ii. Transportation
 - iii. Option schools
 - iv. Amazon and/or other corporate sponsors and endowment programs

- d. Final comments to be provided to Melanie by the weekend
- 7. Discussion of Differentiated Funding Formula project – Reid Goldstein
 - a. The project is in the design phase and feedback is being solicited from a large number of individuals and groups
 - i. Project due July 2021
 - b. Budget formula
 - i. Modelled off Chesterfield Public Schools, who have been using a similar formula for 2 years
 - ii. Based on populations of targeted students
 - 1. Economically disadvantaged
 - 2. English learners
 - 3. Disabled
 - iii. Provides \$ per headcount that Principals can allocate at their discretion
 - 1. Based on overarching goals/rules to ensure the funds are directed towards the intended purpose
 - iv. This would replace, or be layered on top of, the existing planning factors
 - v. Roll-out of an initiative like this would require significant community exposure and involvement to ensure buy-in

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.