

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS (FAC)

MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2021 – 6:30 PM

Langston / New Directions - Library

In Attendance: Heather Carkuff Joson, Jeff Chambers, Rosa (Chair) Cheney, Michael DePalma, Mike Freda, John Giambalvo, David Goodman, Cynthia Hilton, Rebecca Hunter, Steven Leutner, Kelley Litzner, Greg Lloyd, Adam Rasmussen, Stacy Snyder, Lisa Stengle, Graham Weinschenk,

1. Minutes from the September 13, 2021, meeting were approved.
2. Public Comment: One non-FAC member of the community was present.
3. Liaison Reports:

Transportation: Comment on Arlington Now report on reduced speed zones near schools. This was an APS-County endeavor.

Aquatics: Transfer more money back to APS.

ASAC: ASAC was intros only.

ASTL: Focus on math instruction.

4. Enrollment:

Updated report presented - compared to last year 2020 which was historically low because of Covid. Need to review against capacity utilization, school by school. Projections were still high compared to enrollment, but APS staff thinks that it is important to stay conservative with projections. Many students that come to this area following families of federal jobs did not occur this year, but there is assumption that those students will return at some point. New boundaries will be applied to allow resources in place on new enrollment numbers. Capacity utilization numbers were published Saturday for 3 boundary-change schools. Projections will need to account for two options (one that virtual learning will maintain their same numbers, and one that assumes virtual learning will return to their neighborhood schools). Expect new information in Pentagon City developer projects in November draft before it goes to County. Some discussion around future school site in Pentagon City area. Only small part of that area is currently County-owned land. Footprint next to new fire station is not big enough for a school. Past studies were performed for schools in that area. Locations closer to Crystal City might be better for APS long-term.

Enrollment report does not include future development - only some information available. Negotiations still ongoing between developers and County for number/size of units so future student enrollment numbers are still in flux.

5. Capital Project Update:

Kitchen equipment is still delayed. Some equipment is being delivered, but slowly. Glass delays. Issue is material supply delays, and availability of materials. Delivery/shipping is a second issue that is also causing delays. County stormwater tanks should be complete Spring 2023.

Hamm: Additional Temporary Certificate of Occupancy required since contractor still not fully complete.

Heights: Another roof leak.

Syphax: Completed.

Outdoor lunch benches/tables? Being handled by maintenance and have been arriving at Facilities & Operation's loading dock and then distributed to facilities.

6. Long-Range Plan to Renovate Existing Schools:

Involvement of FAC: APS Staff presented "why"...

- Modernization.
- Holistically upgrading building systems.
- Indoor/outdoor spaces.
- Ed specs.
- Addressing inequities.
- Managing fluctuations.
- Relocatable classrooms?
- Funding.

...And "who" involved?

- DEI
- Facilities
- Finance
- Planning and Evaluation
- (Teaching and Learning)

Evaluate framework and guidelines to allow APS to make recommendations. Data-informed and transparent. List of projects to work on would be developed by APS. Needs to be completed by March.

7. Career Center Subcommittee: Composed of John Giambalvo, Rebecca Hunter, David Goodman, Rosa Cheney.

APS Staff presented update on Career Center presentation to the Board - APS and consultants have been working to respond to original CIP School Board direction. With smaller school (less 450 seats), building design would remove classrooms but not common spaces.

4 options presented - looked at Options 1 and 2 with additions to existing building. Option 3 was version presented at end of 2020. Option 4 is the APS recommended option. Option 4 allows for long-future build-out of 5-6 story building on existing Career Center site.

Next step is for Board to direct APS to move one or more options into Concept Design. Designs are massing only - not complete plan studies but developed with knowledge learned from previous studies.

FAC requested that Career Center concept design team include re-review of Ed Specs to ensure that what is being built works well for actual instructional needs. "Instruction before Construction".

Discussion of needs - Arlington Tech students do not have same common spaces as other students. There are currently 16 relocatable classrooms serving the programs housed in the Career Center building. Concern that there is no analysis of what \$75 Million would get APS. Also, there is no option that just builds out for Arlington Tech and leaves CTE in current location.

Career center students need the same common spaces as other high schools and secondary programs. When review in \$/student, the cost of career center is reasonable compared to other projects like The Heights.