

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board – Cabinet Retreat on Equity Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2021

The Arlington School Board convened on Saturday, November 6, 2021, at 9 AM at 4100 Vacation Lane, Arlington, Virginia 22207.

Present were:

Barbara Kanninen, Chair
Reid Goldstein, Vice Chair
Cristina Diaz-Torres, Member
Monique O’Grady, Member
David Priddy, Member

Also present were:

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent
Catherine Ashby, Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relation
Kimberley Graves, Chief of School Support
Dr. John Mayo, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Jason Ottley, Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer
Brian Stockton, Chief of Staff
Brianna Cobbins, Director, Employee Relations
Matt Smith, Policy Project Lead
Ellen Smith, Principal, Dorothy Hamm Middle School
Dr. Lori Wiggins, Principal, Gunston Middle School
Jennifer Gross, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Specialist
Dr. Sylvia O’Neal, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Specialist
Tim Cotman, Equity & Excellence Coordinator, Wakefield High School
James Sample, Equity & Excellence Coordinator, Washington-Liberty High School
Stephanie Smith, Equity & Excellence Coordinator, Jefferson Middle School

The Board met to discuss and learn more about the work of the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). Dr. Ottley spoke about equity at APS and explained the mission, vision, and goals of DEI. Staff presented the school-based equity climate assessment, the APS equity profile, and shared an update on the equity policy. Lastly, the Board heard from some of the equity team staff and the work happening at the schools to support equity across the school system.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1 PM.

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Barbara Kanninen, Chair
Arlington School Board