

## 2021-22 BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

Virtual via Microsoft Teams

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

The meeting started at 7:03pm.

1. Eleven members were present: Chuck Rush (Chair), Erik Sullivan (Vice-Chair), Julie Davis, Nellie Carr, Michael Lyons, Katherine Christensen, Andy Greenwood, Bridget Obikoya, Sal Tajuddin, Jennifer Wheelock, and Jennifer Wagener
  - APS Board Chair Cristina Diaz-Torres
2. The minutes will be approved in our next session.
3. Review of Advisory Board Chairs meeting with Dr. Kanninen and Draft Presentation Review – Chuck Rush
  - Advisory Board Chair meetings happen approximately every 6 weeks
  - Good discussion with Dr. Kanninen around the overall level of investment, use of reserves and close out; while being mindful of future sustainability
  - Use of reserves and large close out gave the School Board a degree of comfort in the amount of new investment; in areas where we haven't been able to invest in recent years
  - Learning loss – how to define? (assessments, SOLs)
    - Need to consider social emotional challenges
  - Robust discussion about equity – how to define in terms of the budget?
    - Equitable versus equal
    - Budget investments are spread uniformly across the schools
      - Can this be approached a different way?
      - BAC supports this idea recognizing the execution of it has some challenges
    - Equality of outcomes (defined based on academic achievement); not inputs
      - Baseline investment plus investment based on additional need
  - Fiscal sustainability
    - How long do the new investments need to be made to yield an acceptable outcome?
    - How does the BAC define sustainability?
    - Does the BAC encourage the school board to go to the county re: the revenue equation/agreement?
      - School Board believes the county would not be open to this conversation given other challenges the county is going through
      - BAC thinks it is reasonable to discuss a 2-3 year commitment to APS around pandemic recovery
        - Believe the county has unallocated American Rescue funds
  - New county student achievement dashboard
    - Wealth of information
    - Will be hard for the every-day person to digest and understand

4. April 5 Work Session with School Board – Chuck Rush
  - 6:30pm presentation in person for Chuck and Eric
  - Others can join in person as a guest or stream online
  - All comments to Chuck on draft presentation by Friday

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.