

2022-23 BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Virtual Meeting

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The meeting started at 7:03 PM.

1. Nine members were present: Erik Sullivan (Chair), Michael Lyons (Vice Chair), Chuck Rush (Chair Emeritus), Nellie Carr, Katherine Christensen, Jennifer Wheelock, Bridget Obikoya, Jenn Wagener, and Ben Malakoff (welcome new member!)
 - o APS Assistant Superintendent Leslie Peterson
2. The September meeting minutes were approved by all members.
3. Public Comment
 - o N/A
4. School Board update (Reid Goldstein not available but sent comments)
 - o Improved literacy and numeracy are a continued priority
 - o Staff compensation is a high priority
 - o Thanks to the BAC for the budget direction feedback – minor clarity updates were made but the Board did not want to make any big changes
 - o Work still underway to create more collaboration across the advisory groups
5. Cross-council lead meeting read-out & liaisons
 - a. Reid hosted this in late September
 - b. Introductions and discussion around how to work better together
 - c. Liaisons for other meetings are required as per policy for Facilities and Teaching & Learning
 - i. Need to get a volunteer for each of these committees – follow up with Erik after tonight's meeting
 - d. Councils agreed there is value in having cross-council gatherings to focus on specific topics to form a consolidated view, like planning factors
6. APS Finance updates - Leslie
 - Budget direction will be adopted tomorrow night
 - Budget development project getting started internally
7. Planning Factors Discussion
 - a. School Board Budget direction includes a planning factor project to inform the 2025 budget
 - i. Working on scope of RFP
 - ii. RFP would be released in January
 - iii. Vendor hired in March – have 8 months to work on the project
 - b. Providing input to the RFP – BAC would need to have any suggestions by the December meeting so it can be incorporated into the RFP
 - c. What are the planning factors
 - i. Planning factors cover school types and special education, and provide for all the admin, instructional, materials and supplies at each of those

- ii. Extremely detailed spreadsheet that outlines all of this
- iii. There are so many that not all could be covered in the scope of the RFP
 - 1. School Board has specified an equity focus on English learners and disability students
 - 2. Can we identify the biggest areas of impact?
 - a. Could reference the student dashboard
- iv. Principals do have a fair amount of discretion to use their planning factor allocations flexibly, but within parameters – most common with art and music
 - 1. Suggestion for the RFP to include a mapping of how the planning factor allocations align with what is really happening in each school/department
- v. Suggestion that the RFP include a recommended process for how to measure and adjust planning factors on an ongoing basis
- vi. Internal auditor in June 2021 looked at 1) the difference between planning factors and actual deployment of resources and 2) transportation in the option schools

- 8. Highest interest BAC discussion topics
 - a. Planning factors
 - b. Learning loss
 - c. Compensation
 - d. Equity
 - e. Reserves
 - f. Option schools and transportation
 - g. Other possible topics:
 - i. Central/admin costs
 - ii. Risks & mitigation
 - iii. Facilities planning, including county properties

- 9. Still have open spots on the BAC so please keep looking for potential candidates

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.