

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Work Session on Virtual Learning Program Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2022

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 5:32 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

Reid Goldstein, Chair

Cristina Diaz-Torres, Vice Chair

Mary Kadera, Member (Participated virtually via Microsoft Teams due to medical reasons)

Dr. Barbara Kanninen, Member

David Priddy, Member

Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk

Also present were:

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent

Kim Graves, Chief of School Support

Danielle Harrell, Principal, Virtual Learning Program (VLP)

Virtual Learning Program (VLP)

Mr. Goldstein explained that the purpose of the work session was to learn about the progress of the Virtual Learning Program (VLP) and for Board members to provide the Superintendent direction for the program.

Ms. Graves presented an update on the work that has been taking place in developing a new VLP program. She identified the two groups involved in reviewing and developing the program recommendations, the workforce (APS staff) and the task force (community members). She described the successes and challenges, and she shared an analysis of the feedback from the Virtual Learning Survey. Ms. Graves then explained the next steps of the VLP program by offering two options: to continue exploring and developing for the future or discontinue planning and developing virtual options as an interim measure for medically fragile students/families.

Ms. Harrell discussed her research analysis on VLP, programmatic needs, and demand in surrounding VA/DC/MD areas. It included demographics, instructional delivery models, the application process, student profiles, staffing, and instructional and social-emotional supports and services.

School Board Discussion

The Board discussed getting more information on the options for the VLP, addressing achievable goals, and having a menu of classes for students. Furthermore, the Board expressed that pursuing Option A does not meet the greatest need of the school system at this time. In conclusion, they directed the Superintendent to move forward with option B.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.

ATTEST:

Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Arlington School Board

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