

THE ARLINGTON PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

September 25, 2019

Notes

Attendance: John Andelin, Michael Brown, Dave Carlson, Bart Devon, Sheila Fleischhacker, Alicia Guajardo, Judy Hadden, Megan Mack, Cicely Whitfield Anne O'Brien, Devanshi Patel, Anne Vor der Bruegge, Ben Picot, Jeannette Allen, Kimberly Baldini, Rachel Harlan, Lisa Kaplowitz, Laura Newton, Oliver Russel, Rick Strobach, Siobhan Grayson, Rebecca Hjelm, Sally LaBonte, Michael Swisher, Kim Durand

Strengthening Partnerships with School Advisory Groups and Allies:

During this meeting, we heard from several partners. Each speaker was asked to share if/how we have worked with each other in the past and how we might work together in the future.

Speakers Included:

[Destination 2027](#): Tricia Rodgers
See attached Power Point

[Aquatics](#): Cynthia Hilton

See Aquatics Talking Points attached

Specifically, the main point is that learning to swim is important for childhood safety. All Arlington children get swimming instruction through APS. But, with growing enrollment, we are facing a tipping point where APS will be unable to provide the same level of instruction in the limited pool space (sooner than later is APS keeps its commitment to allow mid-day community swims). We need a 4th HS in Arlington, and irrespective of whether or not it is a "choice" or a "neighborhood" school, the HS needs to have a pool.

[Black Parents of Arlington](#): Zakiya Worthey, Whytni Kernodle and Amina Luqman-Dawson

See attached data "APS in Black"

BPA's 3 areas of focus:

- Achievement (opportunity) gap - ensure that the strategic plan has SPECIFIC goals and strategies assigned.
- Cultural competency – bias training for everyone who works for APS from custodial staff to bus drivers, to teachers and administrators.
- Disciplinary codes – address the percentage of suspensions disproportionately to black students.

BPA stressed the need to have a specific plan to move forward with goals and strategies to support the items above. They are meeting with Jeannette and Cintia to look at hiring and recognize the need to reflect inclusiveness and consistency in all our actions.

[Advisory Council on Instruction](#): Dana Milburn and Rebecca Hunter

See attached Power Point

Budget Advisory Council: Lida Anestidou

See attached talking points

They advise the School Board on the budget and help prioritize the tiered items. They meet monthly, however in February and March, they meet more to accommodate the budget season.

School Health Advisory Board: Vera Cardinale

See attached Annual Report

They have a wide variety of subcommittees that focus on all areas of health, from allergies to air quality, to busses idling, to nutrition, screen use, and family life curriculum.

This group is supporting the Local Wellness Policies and that is a priority area for 2019-2020.

With additional information shared from:

[School Facilities and Capital Programs Advisory Committee](#)

[Joint Facilities Advisory Commission](#)

[County Council of PTAs](#)

ASAEC – see attached PDF

Q&A/Discussion

Q: Where do you see holes in what you'd like to address?

A: Advocacy – look at the budgets with an equity lense, then look at allocation of resources.

Comment: It has only been within the past 20 years that the APS and ACG budgets were separate. They used to work together – let's get them to work together now.

Comment: Averages masks disparities, APCYF needs to continue to advocate for disaggregated data.

Q: Is there a County Staff person that works with APS on the budget?

A: Not sure, but there should be.

Next Meeting: October 23rd (Commission on Parks n Recreation / Strategic Planning Exercise) –

NOTE: ROOM 112 in Sequoia 3

Our regular meeting will adjourn at 7:30 for our Chairs to attend the CSB meeting:

The CSB would like to present the Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth and Families an award of recommendation and appreciation for 20 years of dedicated service and accomplishments within the Arlington Community.

They are meeting in the Auditorium, so we should all be able to attend this portion of their agenda.