

# THE ARLINGTON PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

January 22, 2020

## NOTES

**Attendance:** John Andelin, Michael Brown, Dave Carlson, Kim DeBlauw, Bart Devon, Ann Marie Douglass, Sheila Fleischhacker, Michael Griffin, Alicia Guajardo, Judy Hadden, Megan Mack, Anne O'Brien, Anne Vor der Bruegge, Anita Friedman, Kimberly Baldini, Rachel Harlan, Lisa Kaplowitz, Tabitha Kelly, Laura Newton, Linh Nghe, Eliseo Pilco, Deborah Warren, Katie Cristol, Nancy Van Doren, Libby Garvey, Barbara Kanninen, Eileen Janas, Stephani Wrabel, Alisa Cowen, Siobhan Grayson, Rebeca Hjelm, Sally LaBonte, Michael Swisher, Kim Durand

### Welcome & Introductions

Bart Devon, Chair, thanked Sheila for her year as chair in 2019, and for her current position as Immediate Past Chair. He provided some ideas and structure he is planning for the year ahead, sent via e-mail.

Michael Griffin was introduced as the Vice-Chair for 2020. His biography is attached. Michael has been an active participant in APCYF as well as the Youth Mental Health and Wellness Committee, and we look forward to his leadership.

The 2020 Leadership Team includes Bart Devon, Michael Griffin, and Sheila Fleischhacker.

### County & School Board Liaisons

We were joined by our liaisons from both boards - Katie Cristol and Nancy Van Doren. Both shared initiatives that are on the horizon.

Nancy shared the [APS School Board Action Plan](#) indicating that they will be focused on hiring the new superintendent. They have hired their Chief Diversity Officer, and he started last week. The [one-page](#) document also covers which new policies or policies up for revision and the focus on student success and wellbeing.

Katie shared that the County Board would be focused on the Census, and she was pleased that APCYF is a Census Partner. She also mentioned Housing, Transportation, and the Child Care Initiative as ongoing issues. Libby Garvey joined us and noted that as Chair of the County Board, she would continue Christian Dorsey's Equity theme for 2020.

### Columbia Pike Library & APS Site Plan Discussion

Diane Kresh, Director of Libraries and John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Operations shared a power point (attached) and information on the plans for the library and Career Center site.

- They'll be trying to minimize street parking but hope to have a 450-500 space structure available for staff and students. There will be parking set-aside for Libraries.
- The library will get a refresh, adding more shelving and space. The second floor will be a shared space with APS use during the day, and library in the evenings and on weekend.
- While under construction, story times will be at the Montessori School.
- The construction is scheduled to start this summer with Phase I completed by Fall, 2020.

- All programs that are currently housed in the Career Center site will continue – in particular the Teen Parenting Program, and they will have a playground.
- Montessori School will remain in the old Patrick Henry building, the relocatable that is currently there will be removed to restore the play ground.
- Students at the Career Center need to have parking for their cars to accommodate transportation to/from jobs, internships, and to ensure equity in student participation. Staff also need to have parking available, as do library patrons, so there will have to be a parking garage to meet the needs. There are several options that are being considered.

### **APCYF Priorities Discussion**

Based on the Google Survey results (20 APCYF members participated) **Well-Being** was the area with the most concern/need for APCYF to lead and/or support efforts, particularly around mental health.

Other indicators that members wanted to lead/support include Student Engagement, Family Engagement, School Health, Sexual Assault and Harassment, Out-of-School Time, and Adult Support.

During the Report-Out portion of the meeting, these are the items that came up:

Lead:

- Convene people around issues (mental health)
- Elevate voices – teens and others in the community
- Elevate the data
- Be the incubator (like READY, OST, others)
- Common language and efforts
- Connecting people with resources
- Access to resources
- Well-being and data – gaps and how we can fill them
- Awareness Campaigns for mental health and substance use

Support:

- Offer advocacy
- Represent at meetings
- Give feedback
- Support the community
- Use community allies to reach into the various neighborhoods

Other Ideas:

- Reaching hard-to-reach communities
- Communications initiative
- Help parents and students understand the resources available
- Pull together existing efforts
- Mental Health and Trauma go together
- Opioid and Substance Use go together

Themes:

- Resources and Access to them
- Youth Well-Being

- Communications – awareness campaign, hard-to-reach communities, building a common language
- Equity as a guide for our work

This supports the priorities mentioned in our Community Report and what we've heard from meetings with the community.

To move our work forward, please consider joining us at **Planning & Development on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**, or joining one of the other Committees and Workgroups:

### **Committee/Work Group Sign-up**

If any of these areas interest you, please let Kim Durand know. If there are no regular meetings set, we can form work groups to discuss further.

- Planning & Development – continues the work and conversations of the full APCYF meetings
- Membership – we need to recruit new members, this will focus on outreach and communications to draw new and diverse membership
- Community Progress Network (CPN) – they are interested in partnering with us for a Roundtable/Community Conversation in March, we'll need assistance and support of our members.
- READY Coalition – the coalition needs more community members and specifically board members, this is the youth substance abuse prevention group
- Youth Mental Health & Wellness Committee – they are working on a resource guide for parents and the community and will be conducting focus groups with teens to determine their needs
- Early Childhood – looking for participants to connect our work with the work of CCI and others around children ages 0 – 5
- Advocacy – will initially focus on budget items, once the budgets are out, to advocate to the School and County Boards – budgetary and NON-budgetary needs

### **Announcements:**

#### **HB 817 – House Bill proposal on Digital Devices in Schools**

[Virginia HB817 | 2020 | Regular Session](#)

HB 817 passed through Committee (17-1) yesterday morning. This bill proposes to develop and implement health and safety best practice guidelines for the use of digital devices in public schools no later than the 2021 - 2022 school year.

It will be headed to the House for vote on Friday!

If you are inclined, ACT TODAY by calling & emailing your delegate in support of helping VA children be safer around the technology that surrounds them in classrooms today.

Click here for contact information: [Who's My Legislator?](#)

### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

Jan 29 4:00 READY Coalition, Room A/Virtual

Feb 5 7:00 APS ACI Meeting, Syphax School Board Room  
Feb 7 Summer Activities Fair  
Feb 11 6:00 Planning & Development Meeting, Room A/Virtual  
Feb 18 7:00 Civic Federation Meeting/Panel Discussion on Youth Mental Health  
Feb 26 6:00 APCYF Meeting at Aurora Hills Library

### **FY21 Budget Work Sessions and Information**

As work session dates/times and FY21 budget information becomes available, most likely the last week of February, we will pull together an ad hoc group to focus on advocacy.

#### **APS Budget Work Sessions:**

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| February 27, 2020 | Announcement and 1 <sup>st</sup> Budget Work Session |
| March 10, 2020    | Budget Work Session #2                               |
| March 17, 2020    | Budget Work Session #3                               |
| March 24, 2020    | Budget Work Session #4                               |
| March 31, 2020    | Budget Work Session #5                               |
| April 21, 2020    | Budget Work Session #6                               |

#### **County Time-Line (no specific dates yet):**

##### **[BUDGET VIDEO ON YOUTUBE](#)**

Proposed Budget Released | When: Feb. 2020

The County Manager presents his Proposed FY 2021 Budget to the County Board at a Board work session and again at the monthly Board meeting in February.

County Board Gathers Feedback | When: Feb.–Apr. 2020

The County Board hosts a series of work sessions with County agencies to learn more about the specifics of their budget proposals. The Board also holds two public hearings and gathers feedback online as it considers the Manager's budget proposal.

If you have any questions or if you need additional information, please contact APCYF Coordinator:

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## Common Acronyms

ACF – Arlington Community Foundation  
ACG – Arlington County Government  
ACI – Advisory Council on Instruction (with APS)  
AHC - Arlington Housing Corporation  
APAH – Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing  
APCYF – Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth & Families  
AFEN – Arlington Family Engagement Network  
APS – Arlington Public Schools  
AYPI – Arlington Youth Philanthropy Initiative (Arlington Community Foundation)  
BHB – Behavioral Health Bureau (of CFSD)  
BYB – Buckingham Youth Brigade  
CCI – Child Care Initiative  
CCPTA – Arlington County Council of PTAs  
CFAC – Care for a Change  
CFSD – Child and Family Services Division  
CIS – Communities in Schools  
CPN – Community Progress Network  
CSB – Community Services Board  
CSCS – Carlin Springs Community School  
D2027 – Destination 2027  
DPR – Dept of Parks & Rec  
DHS – Dept of Human Services  
ECC – Early Childhood Committee  
ELT – Extension Leadership Team  
FACE – Family and Community Engagement  
HCAT – Healthy Community Action Team  
JFAC – Joint Facilities Advisory Commission  
MHFA – Mental Health First Aid  
MOU – Memorandum of Understanding  
NVFS – Northern Virginia Family Services  
OST – Out of School Time Council  
PAD – Planning & Development  
PIP – Policy Implementation Procedure  
READY – Reduce or Eliminate Alcohol Use by Youth  
SHAB – School Health Advisory Board  
SRO – School Resource Officer  
SSAC – Student Services Advisory Committee  
TNB – Teen Network Board  
UUCA – Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington  
YMHW – Youth Mental Health & Wellness