

MINUTES
Facilities Planning Advisory Council (FPAC)

Regular Meeting
2023-2024 School Year

October 10, 2023

Members of the public are welcome to attend in-person at:
Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Gatehouse Administration Center
8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church, VA

The following FPAC members attended:

Name	District	Attended Meeting
Open	Braddock	N/A
Dianna Bo	Dranesville	Yes
Jim Riddle	Hunter Mill	Yes
Troy Thompson	Franconia	No
Bart Stewart	Mason	Yes
Catherine Hosek	Mt. Vernon / Vice Chair	Yes
Dan Hogan	Providence	No
Kevin Cahill	Springfield	Yes
Vacant	Sully	No
Allam Al-Alami	At Large	No
Karl Jensen	At Large	Yes
Open	At Large	N/A
Katie Hermann	City of Fairfax / Chair	Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES:

- Melissa Morrison, member of the public
- Tamara (Tammy) Derenak Kaufax, School Board Member
- Jessica Gillis, FCPS Executive Director for Facilities and Transportation Services

Meeting Opening/Announcements:

Welcome and meeting overview

Introductions

- Karl Jensen, new At-Large FPAC member, introduced.
- Tammy Derenak Kaufax, the School Board liaison to FPAC, was introduced.
- Melissa Morrison, a member of the public, was introduced.

Community Time

Opportunity for the public to address the Council –

Melissa Morrison, a concerned parent of Herndon High School and Herndon Middle School students, was in attendance and addressed FPAC primarily about concerns for the conditions of the facilities and grounds of Herndon Middle School. She highlighted examples of poor conditions in the school building and the soccer and baseball fields.

Ms. Morrison noted significant academic gaps at Herndon Middle School and described that the school is not meeting standards and demonstrates large performance gaps compared to the nearest school.

Ms. Morrison is looking for support to improve facilities at Herndon Middle School and notes that 2031 is not soon enough for facility renovations. Additionally, she discussed safety concerns related to the area adjacent to the soccer fields.

Staff Announcements/Presentation/Discussion

Planned guest, Len Forkas who was scheduled to speak with FPAC about the FPCS Facilities Bond was unable to attend this month.

Jessica Gillis, FCPS Executive Director for Facilities and Transportation Services provided updates:

- FCPS Facilities Bond – funding for next school renovations included on the next Bond.
- FPAC members asked for details on how many hours a day FCPS schools are being used outside of the school day by the community.
 - It was recommended that a representative from FCPS Community Use office come speak to FPAC at future meeting.
 - An audit was completed on community use last year. Fees increased slightly and organizations using FCPS facilities require insurance now.
- Discussed Herndon Middle School issues
- Reviewed status of Brookfield Elementary renovation project.
- Discussed that pre-k focus has been an emphasis for over a decade on the school board. FCPS has been moving forward with action to find spaces and grow the pre-k program.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from September 12, 2023, FPAC meeting were approved.

Old Business

Recap of Kent Gardens boundary issues, ongoing community engagement, and next steps

Reviewed FPAC Virtual Participation Guidelines, which remain unchanged and can be found here:

<https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BR5L6V5491F3>

New Business

Discussed that there are now 6 regions (and Regional Superintendents) instead of 5 regions to better align with geographic area in the county.

The entire School Board is up for election/re-election. FPAC members should plan to schedule an introduction meeting with the school board member from their districts in January.

February is the FPAC offsite retreat – topics and guest speakers are being sought, please talk with Katie if you have any ideas.

2023-2024 Annual Charge

Discussion of annual charge topics:

1. Continue to develop the long-range vision for FCPS school facilities;
2. Provide further support to facilitate implementation of the accepted FPAC major maintenance and asset management recommendations, monitor the Brookfield Elementary School renovation, provide input on proposed revisions to the renovation queue;
3. Advise and assist with the development and implementation of updated boundary policies;
4. Assess how FCPS can achieve greater energy efficiency and environmental sustainability throughout its facilities; and
5. Envision the role and future focus of FPAC.

Member Time

N/A

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.