

MINUTES

Facilities Planning Advisory Council (FPAC)

Regular Meeting
2017-18 School Year

February 6, 2018

The meeting convened at 7:03 pm in Room 5050 of the Gatehouse Administration Center.
The following FPAC members attended:

Charles Hookey	<i>Braddock/Secretary</i>	Ian Kelly	<i>Springfield</i>
Jay Reddy	<i>Dranesville</i>	Kristen Hyatt	<i>Sully</i>
Howard Perlstein	<i>Hunter Mill</i>	Melina Duggal	<i>At Large</i>
Dan Aminoff	<i>Mason/Vice Chair</i>	Karen Hogan	<i>At Large/Chair</i>
Scott Higgins	<i>Mt. Vernon</i>	Dave Phillips	<i>At Large</i>
Kate Howarth	<i>Providence</i>	Allen Griffith	<i>Fairfax City</i>

FCPS Staff:

Kevin Sneed, *Special Projects Administrator for Facilities and Transportation Services*
Jessica Gillis, *Director for Facilities and Transportation Services*

Meeting Opening

Community Time

Kathy Hosek from the W. Potomac HS community represented its concern over the CIP-projected 129% of capacity estimate for W. Potomac HS by 2023.

Christine Lorelli from the Rolling Valley area, Don Bitner from the Whitlers Creek neighborhood, Julie Ambrose from the Presidential Hills neighborhood, and Patty Steele from the Donnegal Oaks neighborhood all spoke of collective concern regarding the ES/MS/HS split-feeder situation(s) involving Rolling Valley ES and Irving & Key MS, and, subsequently, W. Springfield & Lee HS. They commented on the “crazy” bus accommodation to transport children to (oddly) assigned schools and loss of cohort preservation as detrimental. To their minds, this could be “easily” remedied with (administrative) boundary adjustments.

Minutes

Minutes from the January 2, 2018 FPAC meeting were approved.

Staff Announcements

Sneed reviewed with members the January 22, 2018 CIP Work Session with the school board. The two primary takeaways were: 1) School Board members will work with staff over the next weeks to expand the list of Priority Recommended Boundary Adjustments on Page 46, and 2) will formally ask the Board of Supervisors to increase by \$50M the annual bond (borrowing) limit, from \$155M to \$205M. (It was shared that Montgomery Co. MD allocates \$300M annually for capital expenditures.) Perlstein noted that as long as there are “enough” seats (maybe not in the right place) for the total FCPS enrollment, it’s going to be hard to get more money from the County. Boundary adjustments are “free”.

Sneed noted the difficulty in garnering agreement among all concerned with administrative boundary changes.

In response to SB members’ requests, Gillis is surveying other (neighboring) school jurisdictions to see how they handle “smaller” boundary adjustments, attendance-island, and split-feeder situations. It was noted that FCPS has approximately 54 split-feeder situations, mostly involving elementary

schools splitting students to two different middle schools. Gillis also is beginning work on the next iteration of student enrollment projections, using current attendance figures.

Old Business

Hogan provided comment on FPAC's Semi-Annual report (in draft form), which focuses on the growing deferred major-maintenance crisis. This will be finalized over the next days and presented to the SB at its February 12th Work Session. The draft report, including the recommendations, was approved by FPAC members.

The agenda for the FPAC retreat on Saturday, February 24th at TJHSST was discussed. Higgins reported that he had lined up the keynote speaker: Mary Filardo, Executive Director and founder of the 21st Century School Fund, begun in 1994 to provide the District of Columbia and other urban communities with leadership, innovative financing solutions, research, and public policy analysis of school facility issues.

New Business

Hogan suggested that FCPS Chief Academic and Equity Officer Francisco Duran be invited to speak at the March or April FPAC meeting regarding delivery of program services in school facilities, if he is unable to attend the retreat.

Hogan noted that the recently scheduled meeting of the SB's CPDC, which she attended, failed to convene a quorum.

Hogan announced that FPAC Members Chris Nunneviller (Lee) will resign when a replacement is named and Kristen Hyatt (Sully) will not be standing for reappointment to FPAC when her term expires at the end of this school year.

Member Time

Kelly led a short discussion on the continuing challenge of (encouraging) school roof installation of photovoltaic cell panels. He also brought up the possibility of a Facebook presence for FPAC to expand community input. Aminoff said he would check with FCPS communications department regarding parameters for use of Facebook.

Perlstein suggested FPAC ask Sneed (as time permits) whether there is a way to calculate the cost of the AAP Center program vs. having Local Level IV in each ES, and whether an adjustment in the delivery of the AAP program might be a source of funds for use elsewhere (e.g., maintenance).

Hogan shared that she was copied on the notice of a meeting between Randy Hoff (Chairman, Cenergistic) and Superintendent Brabrand and FTS staff later in the month.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.