

MINUTES

Facilities Planning Advisory Council (FPAC)

Regular Meeting
2018-19 School Year

October 2, 2018

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm in Room 5050 of the Gatehouse Administration Center.
The following FPAC members attended:

Charles Hookey	<i>Braddock/Secretary</i>	Shawn Xu	<i>Sully</i>
Jay Reddy	<i>Dranesville</i>	Samia Byrd	<i>At Large</i>
Howard Perlstein	<i>Hunter Mill</i>	Karen Hogan	<i>At Large/Chair</i>
Dan Aminoff	<i>Mason/Vice Chair</i>	Dave Phillips	<i>At Large</i>
Kate Howarth	<i>Providence</i>	Katie Hermann	<i>Fairfax City</i>

FCPS Staff:

Kevin Sneed, *Special Projects Administrator for Facilities and Transportation Services*
Joe Lanham, *Acting Director, Facilities Management*

School Board:

Jane Strauss, Chair (Dranesville), School Board/FPAC Liaison

Meeting Opening

Hogan opened the meeting and welcomed guests. There were self-introductions for Strauss who made remarks on various issues facing FCPS including:

- Metro's Silver Line construction and the concurrent development associated with this,
- The need for an additional/new high school in the western part of the County,
- The desire that all schools/pyramids offer all/equal academic programs,
- The possibility that any eventual state sales tax on internet commerce go to schools,
- Serious discussion on development proffers vis-à-vis Virginia's pro-development leanings,
- The need for more co-located school/County services (new McNair upper school is a beginning),
- The need for a close look at school attendance boundaries on a whole-county basis
 - The last county-wide high school adjustment was in 1983,
 - One Fairfax is a good concept and a reasonable economic mix (without cross-county bussing) is a worthy goal of any proposed adjustments.

Community Time

Kathy Hosek from the West Potomac High School pyramid spoke of the overcrowding at West Potomac HS and reported on a meeting the previous evening (Oct. 1) at the school hosted by the PTSA with guest Jeff Platenberg (FCPS Assistant Supt. Facilities) that was a tension-filled forum. While the school "functions" well enough under "normal" conditions, there is a growing concern among parents that safety and security could be compromised in an emergency.

Minutes

Minutes from the September 4, 2018 FPAC meeting were approved as amended.

Staff Announcements/Presentation/Discussion

Sneed reported that this is a critical time for planning as they await the official Sept. 30th enrollment numbers, which will be the cornerstone for the new CIP, as well as for budgeting staffing levels.

Sneed shared the sad news that Mike Coughlin, Director of Facilities Management had died after a brief illness. Joe Lanham has stepped in as Acting Director.

Sneed reported that the postponed presentation to the School Board on 'best practices' among other school systems in their handling of attendance boundary adjustments is now scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2018 at 11:00 am (at Gatehouse).

Lanham began his remarks, which outlined and supplemented his presentation. Highlights of his remarks:

- Since the effort began in 2007, 98% of FCPS 'major maintenance' assets have been identified and 'tagged',
- FCPS has some 27 million square feet of buildings (seven times the Pentagon),
- Carpet planned for replacement after ten years is 'lasting' 30 years,
- The planned 25-year renovation cycle has stretched to 37 years,
- Many facilities are used more for 'after hours'/community activity than 'school day' activity,
- Recognizing the problem the Board of Supervisors has allocated to FCPS a 'dedicated' \$13M each of the past several years specifically for major asset/facilities maintenance,
- Based on national average, FCPS is understaffed by 240 persons in the maintenance area,
- Without structured replacement of major systems, inevitable catastrophic failure must be covered by emergency systems rented at tens of thousands of dollars,

Perlstein (echoed by Hogan, Sneed, and Strauss), emphasized the need to (continually) educate the Board of Supervisors and the public on the need for significant attention/money to FCPS maintenance and to also re(examine) 'use' fees charged for non-school related use of school facilities.

Old Business

The members reviewed the School Board's Charge for FPAC this year and volunteered for the following committee work:

2017-18 FPAC Annual Charge from School Board

1. Develop the long-range vision for FCPS school facilities, to be included in the capital planning process;
Byrd, Hookey
2. Develop a plan to identify major maintenance and asset management requirements;
Hermann, Phillips, Xu
3. Assess the safety and security of FCPS facilities;
Hermann, Reddy, w/ Higgins
4. Develop a CIP that reflects the capacity and major maintenance requirements of FCPS and demonstrates the impact of the current funding limitations;
Higgins, Hogan, Perlstein
5. Develop recommendations for updating the boundary policies and processes.
Aminoff, Howarth, Reddy, Perlstein, w/ Byrd, Xu

New Business

Fall enrollment numbers and proposed projects for the draft CIP should be available at the November meeting.

Member Time

Hogan reported on her attendance at the CPDC meeting on Monday, Oct. 1, 2018. Among other topics was a discussion of 'equity' among schools (in their program offerings).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.