

MINUTES

Facilities Planning Advisory Council (FPAC)

Regular Meeting
2020-2021 School Year

October 6, 2020

Members of the public are welcome to attend virtually via at <https://www.fcps.edu/tv/ch99>

Members of the public can email Kathy Vasapoli at kvasapoli@fcps.edu to receive a link to join the virtual meeting. The following FPAC members attended:

Name	District	Attended Meeting
Charles Hookey	Braddock/Vice Chair	Yes
Jayant Reddy	Dranesville	Yes
Lauren Magee	Hunter Mill	Yes
Troy Thompson	Lee	Yes
Dan Aminoff	Mason/Chair	Yes
Catherine Hosek	Mt. Vernon	Yes
Kate Howarth	Providence	Yes
Kevin Cahill	Springfield	Yes
Shawn Xu	Sully	Yes
Dan Hogan	At Large	Yes
Carmen Clipper	At Large	Yes
Angela Smalls	At Large	Yes
Katie Hermann	City of Fairfax/Secretary	Yes

Meeting Opening

The FPAC members confirmed their ability to use the BlackBoard Collaborate application, no issues with audio or visual effects were found.

Staff Announcements/Presentation/Discussion

1. Jessica Gillis, Special Projects Administrator for Facilities and Transportation Planning

Meeting Opening

Update on the School Board presentation for the 2019-2020 FPAC Annual Report on Sept 29th

- Three (3) committees were part of the meeting that evening.
- School Board members agreed that they wanted to have FPAC leadership come back to a future meeting to discuss the annual report recommendations in more detail.
- Only a few items were discussed by School Board members: Defining the length of the vision, agreed on the concerns for split feeder schools.
- Cathy H mentioned that the Annual Charge #4 related to boundaries as it compared to “right sizing” middle schools. This may be something to investigate with Jessica’s office on the

appropriate size and grade levels for middle schools. Cathy suggested asking previous School Board member Janie Strauss to attend a future FPAC meeting since she may be knowledgeable in some FCPS history of school capacity.

School Board and Staff Announcements

- Jessica Gillis, Special Projects Administrator for Facilities and Transportation Planning –
 - Cooper Middle School bid – released for bid in late September. The bid came in under budget, so this will move forward.
 - COVID delivery impacts – FCPS noticed sporadic impacts to the delivery for some materials, but the time has been made up. All projects are adhering to the FCPS COVID safety plan.
 - Summertime Projects - mostly started earlier than expected in May. These renovations are continuing along. McNair Upper Elementary School is now open, and the grade adjustment happened at two Fort Belvoir schools is complete.
 - CIP Update – Jessica’s team is working on updates to this report and determining the best approaches for the new renovation queue. Jessica’s team is trying to assess kindergarten enrollment. The capacity calculations are being reviewed as well, to account for COVID social distancing requirements, it may not include specialized programming uses into these calculations.
 - Membership Numbers – these numbers were collected on September 30th. The final numbers are still being finalized. Initially, FCPS is seeing a decrease in kindergarten enrollment. Student withdraws are also being counted.
 - Jessica’s team developed layouts and calculations to help principals determine the number of students that can safely return back to school, based on the square footage for the school and individual classrooms.
 - Boundary consultant – Jessica’s team is working with other teams in FCPS to review the drafted survey that will be released to families in the future. She anticipates a Work Session with the School Board in February to discuss this topic, though the date of this meeting has shifted a few times.

Community Time

- Julie Shepard – Fairfax Council of PTAs – with a focus on facilities and transportation. She provided a quick update on a potential initiative to establish food pantries in schools.

Minutes

Final minutes have been approved for the September 8, 2020 FPAC meeting.

Member Time

Most FPAC members agreed that the boundary topic shouldn’t drop outside of the School Board sights.

FPAC Communications Plan Topic for Boundary Studies – FPAC leadership should start to look into what FPAC’s role may be moving forward for external communication strategies with families.

FPAC Work Plan for the 2020-2021 Annual Charge and committee updates were provided below:

1. Continue to develop the long-range vision for FCPS school facilities;
 - a. Update: The group agreed to discuss this at the 10/20 workgroup session and focus on a 5- and 10-year vision

2. Provide support to facilitate implementation of the accepted FPAC major maintenance and asset management recommendations;
 - a. Update: Troy expressed interest in trying to talk with Justin Moss in a separate meeting next week on the #2 Annual Charge.
3. Develop recommendations on facility resiliency, to include accessibility, sustainability, and design justice;
 - a. Update: Katie and Kate will trade some notes later this week and will let Dan H know if our sub-committee will be ready to meet on 10/20.
4. Advise and assist with the development and implementation of updated boundary policies and processes; and,
 - a. Update: Dan A will talk with Laura Jane Cohen about the FPAC annual charge related to boundaries to determine the interest in FPAC working through this topic this fall vs waiting until after February.
5. Assess and evaluate how facility design and construction can be adjusted to accommodate social distancing and a safe environment.
 - a. Update: Lauren sent a brief outline for this topic and will check to see what sub-committee members can comment on by 10/20.

Dan A will reach out to Kathy at FCPS to figure out how to best schedule workgroup/sub-committee members. Dan will communicate the guidance to FPAC members.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.