

# MINUTES

## Facilities Planning Advisory Council (FPAC)

Regular Meeting  
2021-2022 School Year

September 14, 2021

Members of the public are welcome to attend in-person at FCPS Gatehouse Administration Center  
8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church, VA

The following FPAC members attended:

Name	District	Attended Meeting
Chuck Fanshaw	Braddock	No
Vacant	Dranesville	No
Lauren Magee	Hunter Mill	Yes*
Troy Thompson	Lee	No
Dan Aminoff	Mason/Chair	Yes
Catherine Hosek	Mt. Vernon	Yes
Dan Hogan	Providence	Yes
Kevin Cahill	Springfield	No
Erica Carter	Sully	Yes
John Keegan	At Large	Yes
Carmen Clipper	At Large	Yes*
Angela Smalls	At Large/Vice Chair	Yes
Katie Hermann	City of Fairfax/Secretary	Yes

\*Participated virtually

### Meeting Opening

The virtual FPAC members confirmed their ability to use the Google Meet application, no issues with audio or visual effects were found. Member Carmen Clipper explained she was participating remotely due to a medical reason and Member Lauren Magee participated for a personal reason, and stated it was from lack of childcare.

### Staff Announcements/Presentation/Discussion

Introduction of New FPAC Members:

Chuck Fanshaw: Braddock District (Megan McLaughlin)

John Keegan: At Large (Rachna Sizemore Heizer)

Erica Carter: Sully District (Stella Pekarsky)

Dan Aminoff recognized Dan Hogan to present FPAC Officer nominations: Dan Aminoff for Chair, Angela Smalls for Vice Chair, and Katie Hermann for Secretary.

After a motion by Dan Hogan and a first by Lauren Magee and a second by Cathy Hosek, and with no discussion or Floor nominations, the nominees were approved without dissent.

## School Board and Staff Announcements

Jeff Platenberg, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Transportation Services – Mr. Platenberg provided the following update:

- Net Zero and Joint Environmental Task – Jeff's department is looking forward to continuing to evaluate the objective set by the FCPS School Board and the County Board of Supervisors. For example, they have been working with a consultant who has shared that FCPS can expect to save 15% more if renovations are done, as compared to new construction.
- School Design – Façades have been a focus of design, and then the interior is more standard. The projects are built within the funding as available.
- Biggest challenges related to not having adequate funding – pandemic related to staff shortages for bus drivers and other trade pools, and then also increased costs for building materials. Also recognizing that equity and pandemic-related trauma to students and their families.
- Pandemic-related school design – some of the design ideas related to pandemic were already in motion, but the pandemic really accelerated many opportunities.
- Student Population – FCPS is anticipating a lower student enrollment for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. But Jeff has said that a decrease in student population is typical when an event like this pandemic or the 2008/2009 economic downturn.
- When asked for general feedback to last year's FPAC report, Jeff said he really appreciated FPAC's "how can we help" approach and suggested we consider picking two or three areas/issues and drill down into greater detail in future reports.
- Appreciation to FPAC – FPAC has provided helpful feedback on the CIP and discussion of boundary changes.

Elaine Tholen, School Board member, Dranesville District, and FPAC Liaison – Ms. Tholen introduced herself and discussed her interest in being the FPAC liaison

## Community Time

Mark Doehmert – discussed the Justice High School Renovation related to the expansion of the parking lot, with specific topics related to historical African American ownership of the current park area, impacts to Resource Protection Areas (RPAs) related to stormwater and stream, and open space preservation through the Park Authority.

- Jeff Platenberg expressed that the next phase of discussions of this project will be released next week.

Matt Robeson, who is associated with Carrier Corporation – just listening to the process of facility planning in FCPS.

## Member Time

### 2021-2022 FPAC Annual Charge from School Board

1. Continue to develop the long-range vision for FCPS school facilities;
  - o LEAD: Troy T
  - o Participants: Erica and John

2. Provide further support to facilitate implementation of the accepted FPAC major maintenance and asset management recommendations;
  - LEAD: Dan H
  - Participants: Kevin, Lauren
3. Further develop recommendations on facility resiliency, to include accessibility, sustainability, and design justice;
  - LEAD: Katie & Lauren
  - Participants: Troy, John, Cathy, Dan H
4. Advise and assist with the development and implementation of updated boundary policies and processes and identify any immediate capacity needs at specific schools; and,
  - LEAD: Cathy
  - Participants: Carmen, Angela
5. Assess and evaluate how facility design and construction can become more functional within the classroom walls, incorporate a greater use of outdoor space, restroom facilities and enhance ventilation; and

*\*Item #5 will likely be combined with #3*

6. Review and update FPAC's charter and conduct a self-evaluation of work and process.
  - LEAD: Dan A
  - Participants: Angela, Dan H, Carmen, Erica

Action items –

- Develop a new Annual Charge Item that combines items #3 and #5.
- Discuss items with Troy T and the new Dranesville District representative

Dan A reminded FPAC members of these upcoming items related to the Semi-Annual Report:

FCPS Boundary Policy Review Webinar – Angela briefed FPAC members on the first webinar. Overall, the responses to the real-time polling show that families don't want their students to move schools.

FPAC Virtual Participation Guidelines – Katie and Dan A reviewed the points that were emailed to members on September 13<sup>th</sup> regarding meeting participation. Katie asked that Board members email her a week ahead of any scheduled meetings if members need to participate remotely.

The School Board will be recognizing Charlie Hookey at the next School Board meeting, on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Minutes

Final minutes have been approved for the June 8, 2021 FPAC meetings. The motion was proposed by Dan Aminoff and a first by Dan Hogan and a second by Cathy Hosek.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.