MEMBERS PRESENT:

Yoon-Ho “John” Lim, At Large (Mr. Ilryong Moon)
Lois Passman, Chair, Mount Vernon District
Helen (Dolly) Whelan, Vice-Chair, Dranesville District
Irvin Varkonyi, At Large (Mr. Ryan McElveen)
Edythe Kelleher, Hunter Mill
Joy Kim, Student Representative
Jane Cruz, Braddock District
Bryan Graham, Providence District

STAFF:

Sheryl Granzow, ACE Administrator, ISD
Bradley Rickel, Administrator, Adult High School Completion (AHSC), DSS
Linda Seyer, Grant Manager, ISD
Ann Wylie, GED Manager, DSS

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Patricia Franck, Sully District
Mr. Ilryong Moon, School Board Liaison
Natasha Macon, At Large (Ms. Jeanette Hough)
Milan Sturgis, Springfield District
Brad McKinney, Mason District

MEMBERS NOT YET APPOINTED FOR 2016-2017:

Lee District (Tammy Derenak Kaufax) (Patricia Luna resigned August 2016)

TOPICS

The February 22 meeting began at 5 p.m. with the ACEAC attending the Adult High School Completion (AHSC) Graduation Ceremony in the Auditorium of Woodson High School (lower left side of Auditorium). After the ceremony, ACEAC met in the usual room, T-104, to conduct the regular committee meeting.

1. Introductions:

ACEAC Members and Staff introduced themselves to the new member, Jane Cruz, appointed by Megan McLaughlin, School Board member, Braddock District. ACEAC received another new committee member Brad McKinney, appointed by Sandy Evans, School Board member, Mason District. Mr. McKinney was not able to attend the February meeting.

2. January 18, 2017 Minutes
The January Minutes were approved with no changes required.

3. Action Item Pending: Education for Independence (EFI) Funding for FY 2017: Status Update

Currently, there are no updates regarding Education for Independence (EFI).

Mrs. Lois Passman reported that she attended a Fairfax County Town Hall meeting for Lee District on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at Hayfield Elementary School. The following state representatives attended and presented summaries of the on-going Virginia Assembly Legislative Session: Senator Scott Surovell, Senator George Barker, Delegate Paul Krizek, Delegate Mark Sickles, and Delegate Vivian Watts. Mrs. Passman provided EFI information packets with a copy of the letter that the ACE Committee sent to the FCPS School Board and information provided by Ms. Maureen Simmons, EFI program manager. Mrs. Passman also spoke with each representative. The focus was to build awareness and bring in additional funds to support the EFI program.

4. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and Region 8 Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) Grant – Update

FCPS has applied for the new regional grants for the Adult Education and Family Literacy (AEFLA) 3-year grant and the Corrections and Institutions 3-year grant. The applications are due to VDOE Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) by March 1. They will be reviewed by both Local Workforce Development Boards in Workforce Areas #11 (Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun) and #12 (Arlington and Alexandria City) as part of the grant approval process. The winners of the grant competition will be announced on May 1, 2017.

5. ACE FUND: Community Education Component

ACE needs $9.5 million for their budget.

The ACE Fund was $28,492 in the black at the end of Fiscal Year 2016. It is estimated that the fund will be very tight again in Fiscal Year 2017. At this point, ACE has collected $3.4 million in tuition revenue. Outstanding balances for collection of Perkins funds, company customers, and county training payment plans total $300,000.00, year to date, and will be collected by year-end. The regional grant reimbursement is delayed for the second quarter because the state database is undergoing enhancements. The reimbursement will occur sometime in early February.

Ms. Granzow was asked if the transfer from the School Operating Fund for Adult ESOL in the amount of $235,000 was being considered for a cut in the FY18 budget. Ms. Granzow stated that originally the transfer amount was on the cut list of the Budget Task Force; fortunately, the transfer amount is no longer listed as a cut.

6. Marketing Adult and Community Education: New Concepts?

Ms. Granzow mentioned that the spring issue of the ACE catalog will be available soon and will offer culinary courses taught in other languages, such as French and German. Ms. Granzow said nine new teachers were hired. She was very excited to announce the new culinary courses that have been added to the ACE course list.
The Driver's Education program's Twitter account is very successful. Most of the FCPS schools follow the Driver's Education Twitter account and, by doing so, are able to be notified if an opening becomes available and to respond quickly.

7. GED Program

The GED program has had 75 graduates since July 1, 2016. All test takers need high school level skills to pass the GED Test.


a. Granzow, ACE Administrator, suggested a recommendation to the School Board to increase the transfer to the ACE Fund equal to the market scale adjustment and STEP increases approved by the School Board for all ACE funded staff. This will enable ACE programs to keep tuition increases modest when the School Board approves increased compensation for the school system employees. Ms. Passman asked Ms. Cruz and Ms. Granzow to work on this recommendation.

b. Dolly Whelan asked if a recommendation could be made regarding Summer School and the ACE Fund. ACE registers approximately 26,000 FCPS and out-of-county school-aged students. ACE staff provides registration services, training, and Summer School course creation in the ACE database, technical support, finance office support, warehouse support, and many other functions. ACE charges a student registration fee, but that does not cover the cost of personnel, bank fees charged to ACE, and other costs incurred. During Summer School 2016, ACE absorbed over $200,000 in costs that were not covered by the fees. Ms. Granzow said she will work on a recommendation requesting at least $200,000 from the School Operating Fund to cover the work done by ACE for Summer School.

c. Irvin Varkonyi put forward a recommendation to request the FCPS Foundation to include programs that are ongoing in their mission. The Foundation had decided to fund only new programs. The objective of this Recommendation is to gain funding for long-standing and successful programs such as Education for Independence. Each ACEAC member should contact his/her School Board member with this recommendation.

d. The FY16 recommendation for an ACE counselor will continue in the FY17 report because it is still a needed resource.


Ms. Passman requested that staff members provide summary narrative information about all of the ACE programs, ACE, Adult ESOL, and Adult High School Completion, to be included in the fiscal year report. The information should include program changes, successes, and resource needs.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.