



DATE: Monday, April 19, 2021

**PLACE: Virtually from 7:00 –
9:00 PM**

7:00 PM: Open Meeting – Emily Vincent

- Ms. Vincent welcomed participants and provided an overview of the agenda
 - Discussion by County Leadership guests
 - Presentation on Restorative Justice by Devanshi Patel
 - CCPTA Business
- Ms. Vincent outlined CCPTA's plans to discuss PTA independence with respect to the budget and otherwise and solicited PTAs to share any experiences they may have had

7:05 PM: Discussion with APS/County Leadership

- Discussion topics based on pre-submitted questions each month
 - Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent
 - School Board Liaison – Barbara Kanninen
 - County Board Liaison – Katie Cristol
- Dr. Duran addressed questions from CCPTA regarding APS initiatives on literacy
 - Discussed importance of accountability and ongoing monitoring reports
 - APS plans to continue to facilitate transparency on the issue
- Dr. Duran addressed questions regarding return to school efforts at APS
 - Ms. Vincent highlighted need to understand why some families may be choosing an all virtual learning option
 - Dr. Duran noted that APS survey is trying to understand why some families may be choosing an all-virtual options. Although most families may be choosing an all in-person option, APS recognizes there are some groups that need or desire an all-virtual model.
 - Dr. Duran outlined who some of those communities may be but will await data from the APS survey.
- Concurrent virtual in-person instruction will not be offered at the elementary school level but may be offered on a very limited basis at secondary level. As a general matter, teachers who choose virtual instruction will have one set of teachers and in-person students will have their own teachers.
 - Nevertheless students attending “virtual” instruction will remain connected to their local school—not creating separate “virtual schools”
- APS plans to accommodate all student requests for the Fall 2021.
- Dr. Duran that noted that many of the questions regarding return to the school are available in the APS FAQs.
- Dr. Kanninen discussed potential changes to the Montessori program
 - School Board did not propose reducing number of Montessori classrooms
 - School Board is in regular contact with the Montessori community
 - School Board continues to be supportive of the program
 - Potential changes/modifications that have been discussed is whether they can

- accommodate more students in each classroom or run the program more efficiently
- Dr. Duran reminded membership that APS maintains a COVID-19 dashboard.
 - Dr. Kanninen noted information is available at <http://www.apsva.us/school-year-2020-21/aps-covid-19-dashboard/>
- If vaccine age is lowered (which is anticipated), APS and County will conduct formal outreach
- Ms. Cristol discussed the partnership between APS and Arlington County on vaccine distribution
- Dr. Kanninen thanked APS and the County for their work on vaccine roll-out efforts
- Dr. Kanninen noted that with respect to Arlington Science Focus and Innovation Elementary boundaries and neither are expected to be over capacity although growth is anticipated
 - There is also capacity in the surrounding schools
 - Thus, there may be opportunities to shift enrollments
- Ms. Cristol discussed partnership with APS on “student generation” factors and demographic development

7:35 PM: Presentation about Restorative Justice – Devanshi Patel with Arlington’s Center for Youth and Family Advocacy (CYFA) - <https://cyfadvocacy.org/>

- Copy of Presentation Included with Minutes
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8:05 PM: CCPTA BUSINESS, UPDATES, ACTION ITEMS

- Approval of March minutes
 - Quorum Present
 - Motion passed by unopposed voice vote
- Treasurer’s Report – Kendra Anderson
 - Treasurer update to be posted with approved minutes
- Advocacy and Policy Updates – Claire Noakes
 - Ms. Noakes discussed new policies highlighted on APS Engage Page
 - Ms. Noakes discussed revised Policy on Crisis Counseling Management
 - One of the personnel involved in implementing the policy is School Resource Officers
 - Ms. Noakes would like to understand CCPTA’s views on inclusion of SROs as mental health resources
 - Ms. Noakes proposes that CCPTA provide comments
 - Ms. Noakes discussed proposed new policies on physical intervention with respect to restraint and seclusion
- SEPTA Update – Kathleen Clark
 - Ms. Vincent provided an update on SEPTA
 - May 13 SEPTA Awards at 7pm
 - May 20 SEPTA Presentation on Inclusion
- CCPTA Grant Fund Committee Report – Kate Merrill and Karrie Beaudry
 - Dr. Merrill provided update on grant award to Kenmore for shade structure
 - Fewer grants this year than anticipated so additional funds will be available for the next school year
- Partnerships Committee Report – Christa Mansur
 - Ms. Mansur provided an update on the Partnerships committee
 - Ms. Vincent discussed potential changes to programs for next year

- Reflections Award Winners – April Maddox
 - Ms. Maddox provided an update on Reflections contest
 - Six Arlington winners advanced to state competition and three Arlington winners will be representing Virginia

8:45 PM: CCPTA INTERNAL QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

- Ms. Vincent announced that her family is leaving the Arlington area and she will be stepping down
- Ms. Vincent provide a reminder that we will be holding a special election in June and encouraged anyone to contact us if you would like to run for President and/or if you are interested in joining our committees, including the new Advocacy and Alliance Committee.
- Ms. Vincent discussed upcoming conversation about Mental Health co-hosted with APS and Arlington County, May 2021
- Internal CCPTA Membership discussion

Next CCPTA meeting: Monday, May 17, 2021 7 – 9 pm