



**DATE: Monday, March 15, 2021**

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

**7:00 PM: Open Meeting – Emily Vincent**

- Ms. Vincent welcomed participants and noted it has been approximately one year since schools closed for the pandemic
- Ms. Vincent recognized the extraordinary effort of APS employees and volunteers in addressing the pandemic since March 2020

**7:05 PM: Discussion with APS/County Leadership**

- Discussion topics based on pre-submitted questions each month
- Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent
- School Board Liaison – Cristina Diaz-Torres
- County Board Liaison – Libby Garvey
  - Ms. Diaz-Torres discussed the upcoming budget and efforts to address the gap given uncertainties including unclear amount and parameters of additional federal and state funding
  - Ms. Garvey discussed efforts to address pandemic including PTAs and efforts at the County level to address upcoming shortfalls by utilizing a “bridging” budget to future when circumstances may change
    - Noted that over 50% of County employees reported in person throughout pandemic
    - Budget includes a hiring and pay freeze
    - County determined to use portions of contingent funds to address budget issues but some of that money must be “back filled”
    - Taxes on commercial real estate and restaurants are a big portion of County tax base so that has created additional uncertainties
  - Dr. Duran discussed feedback received by APS on the upcoming budget
    - Committed to employee compensation and keeping pace with neighboring districts to retain and recruit excellent employees
      - Arlington has recently fallen behind and needs to address that issue
    - APS expects some additional revenues so not all tiered cuts will be implemented
      - Revised recommendations on April 6 based on additional revenues
  - Ms. Diaz-Torres noted that public hearing on the budget will be held next week
  - Dr. Duran outlined reorganization efforts in APS leadership to address efforts to improve consistency between Arlington schools
    - Dr. Duran also stressed APS’s focus on improving student instruction through these changes
  - Dr. Duran addressed questions regarding APS restrictions on access on student devices

- Dr. Duran clarified that APS does filter content that violates state and federal regulations
- There is also age-level filtering and APS is responsive to parent concerns
- But necessarily not all objectionable content may be filtered
- Dr. Duran will need to revert on the separate issue of whether APS has been monitoring students' usage of internet when they should be engaged in virtual instruction.
- Ms. Diaz-Torres addressed questions regarding schools' needs in wake of return to school
  - She noted each school has taken different approaches to use of outdoor space
  - Board is monitoring resource needs for each school and identify additional resources if necessary
- Ms. Diaz-Torres also addressed with how PTAs can engage with the APS Board on issues relating to equity

**7:45 PM: Presentation about Vaccinations in Arlington** – Dr. Barbara Kanninen, on behalf of the Complete Vaccination Committee (CVC)

- Dr. Kanninen presented to the CCPTA on behalf of the Complete Vaccination Committee on the Committee's work and progress of vaccinations in Arlington.
  - Link to the Complete Vaccine Committee. Please sign your PTA up as a partner: <https://www.arlingtonva.us/cvc/>
  - Link to Virginia vaccination data <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine-summary/>
- Ms. Garvey provided additional comments on the issue on behalf of the County Board

**7:55 PM: CCPTA BUSINESS, UPDATES, ACTION ITEMS**

- **Action Item:** Approval of February meeting minutes
  - With a quorum present, motion to approve February meeting minutes
  - Motion passes
- **Treasurer's Report – Kendra Anderson**
  - Ms. Anderson provided an update on the current CCPTA budget.
- **Boundary Recommendations Discussion and Vote– Mary Kadera**
  - Ms. Kadera outlined CCPTA draft recommendations on Future Boundary Change Processes and Option School Move Policies
  - CCPTA proposes members review draft and vote to approve
    - A copy of the recommendations available at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hXjpyixDiqQRLYOphlCoz7da64wrZlcbPnnALOO2iwo/edit>
  - Ms. Kadera addressed questions about the draft
  - Ms. Kadera distributed a link to permit members to vote (one vote for each PTA) <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/apsccpta>
  - If approved, the letter will not list individual PTAs
- **Advocacy and Policy Updates – Claire Noakes**
  - Ms. Noakes provided updates on Advocacy and Policy and discussed issues relating to anticipated APS policy updates on bullying and instructional delivery:

- Focus on Policy J-6.81. Student Safety and Bullying Prevention
  - Policy raises concerns about required law enforcement referrals
- Ms. Noakes outlined potential CCPTA advocacy on policy.
  
- **SEPTA Update – Kathleen Clark**
  - Ms. Clark solicited assistance with distributing critical SEPTA surveys to PTA communities
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- **Discussion of PTA Spending Guidance – Emily Vincent and Kendra Anderson**
  - Ms. Vincent and Ms. Anderson provided guidance on PTA spending particularly with respect to back to school support and outdoor activities.
  - CCPTA will share additional guidance on these guidelines.

**Next CCPTA meeting: Monday, April 19, 2021 7 - 9 pm**