



## CCPTA October 2020 General Meeting

October 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Virtually on Zoom

DATE: Monday, October 19, 2020

PLACE: Virtually from 7:00 – 9:00 PM

**7:05 PM Meeting Opening and Introductions--Emily Vincent, CCPTA President**

- Ms. Vincent welcomed the attendees and provided a brief overview of meeting agenda

**7:10PM Questions Taken by APS leadership on Virtual Learning (Dr. Francisco Durán, APS Superintendent, Dr. Barbara J. Kanninen, APS School Board Member)**

- Dr. Duran addressed questions about virtual learning and teacher surveys
  - APS is working both with staff members who have health issues and staff preferences
  - Because many teachers and staff have been reluctant to have their preferences shared, APS will not be publicizing that information on an individualized basis
  - Instead aggregate data will be provided later in the week
- APS understands there are students/families who are open to either the hybrid or all-virtual model and value staying connected to their student's current teacher
  - APS will work individually at the school level/principal level to work on solutions to specific
- Dr. Duran outlined the protocols for COVID-19 with respect to hybrid model noting the challenges the model will pose and efforts to address those challenges
- APS has prioritized K-3 and ESL students but is still working to implement a final plan
  - APS is aware there may even be higher priority students in those categories or other categories but is still evaluating how best to address
- APS is developing a needs-based draft budget to be adopted on November 5—
  - APS is working to identify opportunities for savings
- Dr. Kanninen noted it is unusual to have a budget shortfall during a current year—the biggest driver of the shortfall is lost County revenues

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- There is an anticipated budget shortfall of approximately \$30 million in current fiscal year which has impacted some of APS' programs for vulnerable student populations
  - School Board has proposed some cuts and APS has used some of its reserves already
  - APS hopes to utilize CARES Act funding to help close the gap
  - APS is exploring other options to realize costs savings
- Dr. Kanninen explained that School Board is focused on three significant issues at the moment: virtual learning, budget, and boundary changes.
  - Board has limited the scope of the boundary review based on issues arising from pandemic
    - But there are pressing capacity needs that must be addressed
  - APS is focused on moving as few planning units and students as possible now
  - Reminder that Application window is open to discuss SROs

## **7:35pm APS Transportation Presentation Kristin Haldeman, APS Director of Multimodal Transportation Planning**

- Ms. Haldeman gave a presentation on changes to APS Walk Zones and Bus Service during the pandemic
  - Copy of presentation (attached)
- Ms. Haldeman addressed questions from general membership
- Ms. Haldeman provided links to resources on transportation
  - <https://www.apsva.us/aps-goes-green/transportation/sy-2020-21-expanded-walk-zones/>
  - <https://www.apsva.us/safe-routes-to-school-overview/walking-school-buses/>
  - General SRTS info <https://www.apsva.us/safe-routes-to-school-overview/>
  - Walktober Activities <https://www.apsva.us/safe-routes-to-school-overview/walkbike-to-school-day/>
  - Twitter - @APSaferoutes - for updates, activities, and resources

## **7:58PM Discussion of 2020 Arlington School Bond, Lois Koontz, 2020 School Bond Co-Chair**

- Ms. Koontz provided an overview of mechanics of bond funding
- Ms. Koontz explained there are four major uses for this bond:
  - Major Maintenance/Minor Capital—HVAC maintenance and Stratford entrance (\$15 million)
  - Refreshes of older school buildings. One of the major needs is kitchen improvements in individual schools as APS moves away from centralized kitchen model (\$7.6 million)
  - Building envelope updates—Improvements to create secure entrances (\$5.3 million)
  - Planning and design (\$23.8 million) – APS endeavors to invest in planning to avoid having to
    - address implementation issues.

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- to analyze capacity at all levels to determine future solutions. Require site studies, engineering studies.
- APS typically engages in bond re-funding and other strategies to mitigate interest payments
- More information is available at [www.apsva.us/CIP/](http://www.apsva.us/CIP/).

## **8:16PM Christian Dorsey, Arlington County Board Member**

- Mr. Dorsey outlined the ways APS has been working with County on their shortfall
  - County has identified funds made available under the CARES Act to address some of the APS shortfalls
- Despite challenges, Mr. Dorsey has confidence that APS and County can make it through pandemic without significant changes to operations
  - Current budget issues pose a significant challenge for FY2022

## **8:23PM CCPTA Business**

- Michael O’Leary, CCPTA Secretary made a motion to approve September Meeting Minutes Approved
  - Motion passed and September Minutes were approved
- Kendra Anderson, CCPTA Treasurer provided a financial report
  - Ms. Anderson explained change of grant funding to a restricted line item
  - Ms. Anderson presented the Treasurer’s Report
    - **A copy of the report is attached**

## **8:31PM Presentation by Claire Noakes, CCPTA VP for Advocacy**

- Ms. Noakes discussed APS SRO Working Group application (also available in other languages):  
<https://survey.k12insight.com/survey.aspx?k=SsSRTVsQSSQsPsPsP&lang=0&data=>
  - There will be a public hearing in January
  - Anyone who ends up work group is encouraged to participate in the CCPTA Group
- Ms. Noakes provided an overview of the Police in Schools Committee
  - It is difficult for CCPTA to take a diametric position given composition of membership with diverse opinions—members will never need to take those types of those positions
  - Instead, Committee will look at issues on data or transparency that decision-makers should consider and conduct analysis of program goals

## **8:35PM Presentation by Christa Mansur, Partnerships Committee, Christa Mansur**

- Ms. Mansur noted that United Way Food Program is temporarily on hold so we will revisit the issue
- Discussion of the Gifts of Hope program

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- Presentation on “PTA Feedback: Priorities, Needs, and Barriers (September)
  - Ms. Mansur shared information on ideas for potential speakers for PTAs

## **8:50PM Grant Fund Committee Update, Kate Merrill**

- The deadline for application is today, October 19, 2020
  - Grant Fund has only received one application thus far
- Committee is considering having another round of applications before the Spring (possibly create a new window)
- There is carryover from last year for awards made but not funded

## **8:53PM Update from Kathleen Clark, SEPTA President**

- SEPTA has next parent liaison meeting on Wednesday.
  - SEPTA still needs liaisons Glebe, Oakridge, Little Beginnings, and New Directions
  - Ms. Clark outlined ways SEPTA is seeking help get additional resources to assist families
- Ms. Clark highlighted SEPTA’s upcoming discussion with Dr. Duran on December 9
- Through October 25, SEPTA has mini-grants up to \$500 for teacher training, additional resources and programs—SEPTA would like to help fund any school community needs
- SEPTA is closely engaged in boundary process—trying to ensure that changes announced on November 5 address issues—there may some additional changes through February

## **8:58PM CCPTA Internal Discussion**

- Mary Kadera, CCPTA VP provided overview of recent listening session on school boundaries
  - Ms. Kadera discussed CCPTA letter on boundary process and request that APS delay the review process
    - APS responded with a plan that will impact seven elementary schools
    - Some schools actually seeing an increase in capacity as a result of the school moves
  - Some of the schools that are not part of the review are as much as ten to twenty percent over capacity—questions about when their needs will be addressed
    - All signs point to excess capacity in North Arlington
    - Analysis in the community sessions was light on promoting demographic diversity
  - CCPTA will circulate a proposed letter to those who participated in the listening session and then to the general membership and a vote late this week or early next week

## **9:13PM Meeting Closing**

- Ms. Vincent thanked the Superintendent’s Committee on translations
  - CCPTA will defer discussion of baseline opportunities for children and resources to a future meeting

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- All PTAs should consider having a \$5 baseline membership to address disparate access issues
  - Ms. Anderson explained process of changing membership dues through by-laws amendment

**9:16PM**

**Meeting Adjourned**

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