

2020 – 2021 BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 14, 2020

Online via MS Teams

The meeting started at 7:03 PM.

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Eleven members were present: Melanie Bowen (Chair), Chuck Rush (Vice-Chair), Katherine Christensen, Dedra Curteman, Juan Gordon, Bob Ramsey, Nellie Carr, Julie Davis, Sean Miller, Cristina Diaz-Torres and Jennifer Wagener
 - b. APS staff member Leslie Peterson
 - c. School Board Liaison Monique O'Grady
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. The September minutes were approved by all members
3. Public Comment – Josh Folb, AEA
 - a. AEA recognizes we are in challenging times but wants to make sure focus resumes in the future on compensation, including implementing a COLA
4. Update on FY22 Budget Guidance – Monique O'Grady
 - a. Drafting of this document is in progress – will be voted on in November
 - b. Challenging process considering expected budget shortfalls for next year's budget, as well as shortfalls in this current year's budget
 - c. Upcoming joint working session with the County
5. Budget Town Hall Initiative – Leslie Peterson
 - a. Goal of initiative is to make sure all advisory groups and committees are educated on the current budget situation and can each meet in their group/committee to have discussion and provide feedback to APS on ideas for closing the budget gap
 - i. Ideas are requested to APS in November
 - ii. Current year updated budget projections:
 1. Revenue deficit is \$19 to \$26 million
 2. Cost increase (due to pandemic) is \$12 million
 3. Cost savings of \$7 million
 - a. Summary shortfall of \$24 to 31 million
 - iii. Preliminary view of fiscal year 2022 estimates a budget shortfall of \$67 to \$74 million (based on many early assumptions)
 - b. Details were provided about the specific departments in the APS budget
6. BAC role in broader budget initiative – Melanie Bowen / Chuck Rush
 - a. BAC will be collaborating on our committee ideas over the next month
 - b. BAC members matched up with other groups/committees to join their meeting and assist them with budget questions and discussion
 - c. Other groups/committee chairs have been invited to join the BAC November meeting

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.