

## **Kickoff Meeting of the School Law Enforcement Partnership Advisory Group**

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022

**Meeting Attendees:** Carlton Gerald, John Baker, Paula Gormley, Kate Tagert, Octavia Young, John Contreras, Kennetra Wood, Pete Balas, Elizabeth McCoy, Lt. Michael May, Douglas Blass, Matthew McLaughlin, Keisha Culbreth-Brooks, Gabriel Elias, Michael Diggins, Emily Milton, Jim Paige, Laurie Tasharski, Phylis Lawrence, Chris Lewis, Lois Nicole Vargas Perez, Kevin Harris

### **Introductions:**

Each participant took a moment to share their name and what they hoped to learn from the team's time together. Team members also had an opportunity to pair with another member of the team to learn more about each other and their passion for the work. Paired introductions were summarized and shared broadly with the group.

The team also spent time solidifying ways of working together to best accomplish the group's mission. Overall, the team formed three (3) Subcommittee groups and agreed on times for the subcommittees to convene.

- **Research Subcommittee**
  - **First Meeting:** Thursday, July 7th at 6:00 pm
- **Memorandum of Understanding Subcommittee**
  - **First Meeting:** Tuesday, July 12th at 6:00 pm
- **Communication and Community Outreach Subcommittee**
  - **First Meeting:** Tuesday, July 19th at 5:00 PM

### **Mission Statement + Additional Questions:**

The external facilitators shared the SLEP Advisory Group's mission statement:

*The mission of the SLEP advisory group is to assist ACPS leadership, the Superintendent and the School Board in **reimagining the school law enforcement partnership** with the Alexandria Police Department in order to ensure a **positive, safe and equitable school experience** for all students.*

A few questions related to the mission statement were raised for further consideration:

- Does the group have the opportunity to amend the mission statement?
- The scope seemed larger in the initial documentation shared; will the scope only have this particular focus?

The team also inquired about:

- The process the team will undergo should the board request a revision from the team,
- How the team will work with the interim superintendent
- An opportunity to further include the community's perspective (i.e., partnering with other community groups that work to solve similar issues), and
- Clarity that the team is not just responsible for revising the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The external facilitators offered to share the questions with the ACPS decision making body and provide updates during the next meeting.

**Logistics + Next Steps:** The external facilitators will share a survey with the Advisory group to schedule the next meeting. The tentative date is Tuesday, July 19th at 6:00 pm.