ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET AND FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 19, 2016

PURPOSE

The Superintendent has established the Budget and Finance Advisory Committee (BFAC) for the purpose of providing guidance and counsel on matters of budget and finance as may be determined by the district administration. The Committee is comprised of representatives from the community, charter schools, principals, at-large, and central office.

Agenda

1. Meeting Goals
2. Calendar and Timeline
3. Discussion of Online and Emailed Materials
4. FY2017 General Fund Budget Discussion of Superintendent's Recommendation
5. FY2017 General Fund Budget Commission Recommendation to the Board
6. Wrap-Up

Committee Members in Attendance

- **Community** - Tammy Dixon, Felecia Josey, Mark Rebillot, Toni Terry, Youlanda Carr
- **At-Large** - Cynthia Micklebury, Marshall Norseng
- **Principals** –Buck Greene, Robin Robins
- **Central Office** – Robert Morales(CFO), Lisa Bracken, Olufemi Aina, Wendy Angelety, Eugene Herrington, Evangeline Britt, Shaquita Barnes,

DISCUSSION

The meeting started with a word of welcome by Robert Morales (CFO), as host of the meeting. Each member was provided a copy of the presentation to follow along during the meeting. Lisa Bracken discussed the purpose of the Budget and Finance Advisory Committee and discussed the goals for the meeting. Next a brief overview of the agenda along with the goal of the meeting was to discuss "old business" and emailed materials along with the Superintendent's recommendation for the FY2017 General Fund Budget. She then spoke about changes to the calendar before she turned the floor over to the speaker, Dr. Marquenta Sands-Hall to discuss the Department of Safety and Security's new direction.

Dr. Sands-Hall began with an overview of conversations that began last year on how APS could improve the culture, climate and safety throughout the district. She then gave examples of other school emergencies and crisis incidents across the country and clear ways to be prepared and proactive when issues arise. She informed the group that as an initiative, APS implemented a pilot program in the WEST region – Douglass cluster that spoke clearly to the preparation and proactive stance believed absolutely necessary to respond effectively to school emergencies and crisis incidents.

Q) How will the new organization be structured?

A) APS will use the Triad School Resource Officer Model, in which will employ full-time armed law enforcement officers with sworn authority and must have 3-5 years' experience to make arrests and understands the community-oriented-policing philosophy. Officers will work in collaboration with school and community based organizations to enhance school safety.

Click here to view the "Embracing a New Direction" presentation given by Dr. Sands-Hall.

Q) The current budget being presented, is it real time or will it be ramped up later during the process.

A) The budget is real time, the number of officers projected for each school has been recommended to serve the district well in the capacities needed for school safety.

Q) Will there be a gang unit in the new structure?

> A) The district will not have a gang unit, but they will have access to the gang database through our partnership and relationship with APD. The school resource officers are expected to build a relationship with students and staff because they will be housed at each individual middle and high school.

Dr. Sands-Hall briefly then spoke about the district's current organizational chart and how it will be structured in the FY16-FY17 school year. Currently, 70% of services rendered by the Department of Safety & Security to support schools are provided by APD law enforcement personnel who report to the Atlanta Police Department Chief of Police and do not fall under her chain of command. Going forward, all personnel would fall under the command of the Executive Director, which is housed centrally at CLL. As structured, this project would be cost neutral for the district.

Conclusion

The next BFAC meeting is scheduled for March 28th, however, Budget Commission meetings and regional public meetings are scheduled throughout the month of March and BFAC members are encouraged to participate.

Next Meeting – March 28th, 2016

We look forward to working with you and your support in our efforts to improve community involvement and transparency in the District's budget process.

Thank you.