Charge and Appointment to the Building Level Planning Committee for the New Elementary at Reed

School Board Information Item

September 21, 2017
Project Overview

- Project included in the FY 2017-2026 CIP.
- Expansion to the Reed School to create a new elementary school with at least 725 seats, to be completed for the 2021-22 school year, at a maximum cost of $49.0 million.
BLPC Membership

- Policy Implementation Procedure (PIP) 50-1.2
- Representing the following stakeholder groups:
  - Parents/PTA: Ashlawn, Discovery, Glebe, McKinley, Nottingham, and Tuckahoe
  - Civic Associations: Highland Park Overlee Knolls, Westover Village, and Tara-Leeway Heights
  - Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC)
  - Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC)
  - Student Advisory Board
  - Arlington Public Library staff
  - Department of Instruction staff
  - Department of Facilities and Operations staff
BLPC Charge

- The primary role of the BLPC is to serve as the principal communication liaison with community stakeholders.
- APS staff shall support the work of the BLPC and be responsible for the educational specifications, cost control, and schedule management.
• School Board direction:
  – The new school at the Reed Building will be a neighborhood elementary school with an attendance zone.
  – The School Board will appoint a Chair to the BLPC.
  – The BLPC will assist the School Board to achieve Goal 4 of the APS 2011-17 Strategic Plan 4 to Provide Optimal Learning Environments that are adaptable to future changes of use, energy efficient, environmentally sustainable, and provide adequate outdoor space for physical education and recess.
  – Funding available for the project is the maximum available, unless additional funding is approved by the School Board. Every effort shall be made to complete the project for less than $49 million.
• Participation in the Concept and Schematic Design Phases:

  – Review the location of the addition or additions on the site; site amenities; the massing of the building; adjacencies of interior spaces and site amenities; community use of the building; and pedestrian and vehicular site circulation and parking, site amenities and impact of the project on the surrounding community.

  – Collaborate with the design team to develop three design options during the Concept phase representing minimum, mid-range, and maximum costs.

  – Prepare a letter at Concept phase recommending one of the three options.

  – Prepare a letter at Schematic phase recommending the design.
• **Planned Milestone Dates:**
  - October 2017 – BLPC/PFRC joint kick-off meeting
  - March 2018 – School Board approval of Concept
  - July 2018 – School Board approval of Schematic
  - January 2019 – County Board Use Permit approval
  - October 2019 – Start of Construction
  - August 2021 – Receive Certificate of Occupancy
Recommendation

- Approve BLPC charge, membership, and appointment of Chair.