



# Annapolis Education Commission

## March Meeting Minutes

The Annapolis Education Commission held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on **Monday, March 2, 2020** at Annapolis High School in Annapolis, MD. Chair Macris called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

**Commissioners Present:** Chair Macris, Griffin, Vice Chair Collison-Lee, Golder, Pachler, Norman, Ellis, Booth

**Commissioners Absent:** Cortez, Finlayson, Starkes

**AACPS Staff Present:** Jolyn Davis, Bob Mosier, Patrick Gelinias (Annapolis HS Principal)

**City of Annapolis Staff Present:**

**Guest Present:**

- I. Approval of February Minutes**
  - a. Ms. Norman moved to approve the February 2020 minutes as distributed
    - i. Motion carried unanimously, minutes are approved as distributed
  
- II. Annapolis High School Background by Principal Patrick Gelinias**
  - a. Enrollment for SY2019-20: 2112 students (up from 1975 last year)
    - i. 39% Hispanic
    - ii. 29% African American
    - iii. 30% White
    - iv. 49% FARMS
    - v. 17% ESOL
    - vi. 9% Special Education
  - b. Hallmark programs:
    - i. International Baccalaureate (IB) Magnet Program
    - ii. Performance and Visual Arts (PVA) Magnet Program
      1. Select a prime or “major” (e.g., dance, graphic design)
    - iii. ESOL Program
    - iv. Change Engineering
    - v. Navy JROTC
  - c. Students come from 15 of the 19 middle schools in the county
  - d. 97% 9<sup>th</sup> grade promotion rate (increased over time)
  - e. 4-year adjusted cohort graduation rates
    - i. African American students
      1. AHS: 93%

- 2. AACPS: 87%
  - ii. Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FARMS) students
    - 1. AHS: 78%
    - 2. AACPS 80%
  - iii. All students
    - 1. AHS: 84%
    - 2. AACPS: 88%
- f. School Improvement Plan Metrics/Goals
  - i. Daily attendance
  - ii. Meeting or exceeding expectations in Math
- g. Roughly 400 ESOL students, mostly are living in the Annapolis area
- h. Two PVA high schools in the county
  - i. Broadneck High School focuses on music
- i. Trying to improve attendance by enhancing structures to make school as appealing as possible
  - i. Making clubs available during the day
  - ii. Quarterly incentivized programs
- j. Community Ambassador Position
  - i. Overseen by Maisha Gillins, Office of Equity
  - ii. 5 current Community Ambassadors (2 part-time)

### **III. Public Testimony**

- a. Ms. Janet Norman
  - i. International Night on Tuesday, April 14 at 6 p.m. at Annapolis High School
  - ii. Panther Pantry on Wednesday, March 4 from 2:30 to 4 p.m.
    - 1. Food pantry available to the Annapolis cluster

### **IV. Discussion: Wards 4 and 5**

- a. Chair Macris shared an overview of the cluster map and schools
- b. Ms. Pachler requested the number of students coming from outside the cluster and number leaving the cluster to go to other public high schools
- c. As of February 3, Annapolis High School has 2,120 students which is over the state-rated capacity of 2,086
  - i. 651 9<sup>th</sup> grade students
- d. Ms. Golder added that programs don't likely contribute to the overcrowding
- e. Annapolis High School proficiency rates show large achievement gaps for African American and Hispanic students

### **V. Annapolis High School PTSA Announcements**

- a. Ms. Norman spoke on behalf of the Annapolis High School PTSA
  - i. PTSA pays for the batteries for Algebra I calculators
  - ii. Annapolis High School website

- iii. Grants for teachers
- iv. Students are very invested in the school community
- v. Contact [AHSPTSAinfo@gmail.com](mailto:AHSPTSAinfo@gmail.com) to become involved or to become an officer
- vi. Broadneck or other schools will raise \$50K annually, AHS raises roughly \$9K
- vii. Largest number of homeless students in the county
- viii. Three championship sports team: soccer, basketball, and wrestling
- ix. Specific booster programs do fundraising as well (e.g., music, sports)

**VI. Transportation Subcommittee Update by Ms. Pachler**

- a. Did not convene a meeting this month
- b. Ms. Booth laid the groundwork by gathering contact information
- c. Ms. Pachler shared the AEC resolutions with City Council, Board of Education, and Superintendent Arlotto
- d. Board member Julie Hummer clarified that homeless students may stay in their home schools and must be provided transportation
- e. Chair of HACA provided a response to concerns
- f. Discussing transportation options for Harbor House and Eastport Terrace students with Ald. Gay
- g. Since Eastport Working Together, more cars have been pulled over for speeding and running signs at President Street
- h. Ms. Booth and Ms. Tobin testified on HB1226F regarding standing on buses
- i. Del. Cain's office is convening a transportation summit next Monday
- j. Transportation subcommittee will convene following this meeting

**VII. New Business/Announcements**

- a. Vice Chair Collison-Lee announced that Mills-Parole needs volunteers for Read Across America this Friday, March 6 from 9:20-1:20
- b. Ms. Pachler shared that Eastport is in the WTOF.com Click for Kids competition
  - i. Online voting once per day between now and March 11
- c. BOE Candidate Forum on Wednesday, March 26 from 6:30-8:30
- d. Annapolis BoE Candidate forum will be held on Monday, April 6 from 6:30-7:30
  - i. Commissioners to send two questions to Jeff
- e. Annapolis High School is having a voter registration drive

**VIII. Adjournment**

- a. Chair Macris moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm.

The next meeting of the Annapolis Education Commission will be **Monday, April 6, 2020 at 6:00pm at Mills-Parole Elementary School.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Brianna Griffin, Secretary