

October 3, 2018 SPAC Meeting Minutes

1. Mr. McNeill, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.
2. The minutes from September 5, 2018 were approved as presented.
3. Mr. White presented an overview on the sales tax initiative and the project list costs.
 - Prioritization – Classrooms, Core and STEM.
 - Based on Need – (Project List)
 - Funding – 22 Million per year
4. Mr. McNeill thinks that the presentation should include how long we have been working on this.
5. Mr. Castine asked if we had done an average cost per student. Mr. McNeill suggested that the average cost per student should be added to the presentation.
6. Ms. Wynn thinks SPAC should also look at traffic, circulation, and safety when considering permanent capacity changes at schools.
7. Mr. McNeill asked what Mr. White and Mr. Moore thought the Superintendent wanted to see.
8. Mr. Moore suggested three possibilities for SPAC
 - Look at permanent capacity
 - Look at only the projects that affect increase/decrease in capacity
 - Recommend the project list as presented by staff.
9. Mr. McNeill asked Ms. Wynn what she thought about Mr. Moore's recommendation, that we recommend the project list as presented. She stated that she thought the chairman should get the committee members opinion.
 - Ms. Vause said she was confident that the School Board staff has done a great job.
 - Mr. Boles discussed concurrency, FISH capacity, program capacity, capacity projections, and portables. He said that Alachua County is creating a need for a new school every ten years.
 - Mr. Castine trusts that the School Board staff did a good job. He is in favor of getting rid of the portables.

- Mr. Mason said Alachua County has community schools, the schools should reflect their community. The greatest challenge is communication with community. There is a lot of uncertainty and mistrust out there. The schools should reflect the communities they are located in. When the projects start there should be community involvement, with PTA's and community leaders.
- Mr. White is meeting with the Mayor of Gainesville, to discuss how to get the communities involved.
- Ms. Korithoski thinks everyone's ideas are great, and in addition, capacity at the schools, parking, and traffic routes need to be addressed.
- There was discussion of what needed to be added to the summary that will be attached to the recommendation.
- Mr. McNeill recommends that SPAC approve the 3rd Choice.
- Mr. White discussed how we were going to be transparent. He said there will be a website with all the information on each school.
- Mr. McNeill wants to know who will do the dashboard on the website. Mr. White answered that ACPS will use staff, or one of our consultants.
- Ms. Korithoski asked about the over sight committee and Mr. McNeill stated that they look at expenditures, and how the half cent will be used. She also asked who will determine who's on that committee. Mr. McNeill said he thought that the Superintendent would decide who would be on the oversight committee.
- Ms. Vause recommended that SPAC hold one community meeting at each town/city, and have the community prioritize the list.
- Mr. McNeill stated that staff had put a lot of work into the project list, and had done a great job.
- Mr. McNeill will put together a draft of the recommendations. Mr. McNeill will share the draft with Ms. Wynn. She will send the draft recommendations electronically to the entire SPAC prior to the next meeting.
- The next meeting will be October 31, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
- Meeting adjourned 10:45.