



Arlington County Civic Federation

Adopted ACCF Committee Charges and Year-End Reports for FY2023

i. **Schools.** It shall be the duty of this committee to study, report, and make recommendations to the Federation on all matters pertaining to schools. The committee should make budget recommendations in collaboration with the Revenues and Expenditures Committee.

FY2023 Report

Todd Truitt, Chair

Other Members: Lois Koontz, Rebecca Hunter, Alex Stevens, Allan Gadjahar, June Prakash

- We'd love to get additional members and are continuously reaching out to the CivFed community to try to get them (including in articles in the Civic Voice)

Main CivFed Events:

- Assisted with preparing for separate CivFed appearances by the Arlington Public Schools Superintendent and School Board
 - Todd worked with the Superintendent's office and the School Board's secretary to schedule their CivFed appearances, also coordinating with the CivFed president
 - We prepared questions for each appearance that we send them in advance
 - Todd was the MC of the portions of the CivFed meetings with their appearances, including conducting audience Q&A sessions
 - We had articles in the Civic Voice soliciting the general membership to submit questions for the Superintendent and School Board in advance of such visits
- Drafted schools-related questions for County Board and School Board candidate forums
- Drafted schools-related questions for County Board CivFed visit

Schools Committee Meetings:

- We met 3 to 4 times to prepare questions for the Superintendent and the School Board at their CivFed appearances based on topics of interest to the community, and especially the CivFed membership
- We also prepared such questions outside of these meetings via email
- Todd scheduled the Schools Committee meetings once firm dates were set for the appearances by the Superintendent and the School Board
- For the questions for the candidate forums and the County Board CivFed visit, we prepared such questions via email

No Recommendations to the Board or Resolutions the Past 2 Years

- The Schools Committee just restarted in the Fall 2021; as a result, we've been treading lightly on any formal CivFed actions these past 2 years

Additional Things to Note:

- I can't reiterate it enough – we'd love to get more members so please let others know



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- This school year, we had a difficult time scheduling both the Superintendent's and the School Board's appearances as School Board work sessions were often scheduled for the same day as our CivFed meetings
 - Todd and John Ford have already discussed Todd trying during the summer to work on scheduling their appearances for this next CivFed year to try to avoid such scheduling issues
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