

2021-22 BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Virtual via Microsoft Teams

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The meeting started at 7:05pm.

Infrastructure:

- Wireless access points – replaces one-fifth each year; plus added outdoor wireless access at 35 school sites
- Backbone - uses ConnectArlington
- Network architecture/internet access
- Any family needing connectivity is supported via Comcast and mifis – this was a partnership with the County
- Switches still need to be addressed with a sustainable replacement plan

Business Systems:

- ERP upgrade – Oracle Financials since 2005 (for HR and Finance); version being discontinued so being forced to upgrade/reevaluate
- 3-year timeline to move everything to the Cloud
 - If this is delayed there will be other costs incurred to keep the current systems running
- There has not been a comprehensive comparison of IT spending against other jurisdictions – Raj assumes APS is at a lower cost level due to the strong support we have from the county via ConnectArlington

7. Evaluating Efficiencies Discussion

Is there a framework to use to evaluate options?

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