

Agenda Item Number

ITEM TYPE: Report

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

TITLE: Annual Report of the Community Advisory Council

DATE: June 13, 2018

OVERVIEW:

The Community Advisory Council (CAC) is a standing committee of the Board of Education of Carroll County and was established to serve as a forum for public concerns, advice, and communication to and from the Board.

The CAC considers matters pertinent to public education and presents concerns and recommendations in accordance with its bylaws to the Board for consideration and possible action. In addition to providing information to the Board, the CAC may be called upon by the Superintendent and/or Board of Education to research or make recommendations on matters related to the education of students in Carroll County Public Schools. Each school appoints a representative to serve a two-year term on the Council.

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BOARD-APPOINTED STANDING COMMITTEES REPORT TO THE BOARD

Name of Committee: Community Advisory Council

Date of Report: June 13, 2018

Primary Charge/Responsibilities of the Committee:

- Coordinate the study of school system issues as requested by the Board.
- Make recommendations for school system improvements to the Board.
- Participate in school system comprehensive planning as requested by the Board.
- Foster understanding of Board policies and initiatives within the general public.
- Serve as a body to react to educational proposals being developed.
- Encourage participation in school affairs by the citizens of Carroll County.
- Be available to assist the Board in the promotion of program priorities to the general public.

Significant Activities of the Committee:

- Developed and implemented a public relations plan designed to create an awareness and understanding of the Community Advisory Council with parents and staff.
- Hosted a presentation by the Superintendent on the capital budget and provided input.
- Received a presentation from the Superintendent on the process and parameters for redistricting and school closures.
- Conducted a special meeting to provide input and recommendations for the next phase of the Strategic Plan.
- Worked with a Board of Education consultant to provide input and recommendations on redistricting and facility utilization.

- Accepted applications, developed a review process, and recommended three parents for membership on the Redistricting and School Closure Committee.
- Hosted a presentation by the Superintendent on topics and issues facing the school system. Topics included the proposed FY19 budget, school resource officers, school safety, PARCC, and the school calendar.
- Provided recommendations and input to the Supervisor of School Security and Emergency Management and the Security Advisory Council on matters related to school security.
- Shared information on Board items out for feedback with their individual school communities and encouraged parents to provide feedback to the Board of Education throughout the year.

Committee Recommendations to the Board:

- Future recommendations will be determined by Board assignments to the committee.