

Agenda Item Number

ITEM TYPE: Report

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

TITLE: Annual Report of the Community Advisory Council

DATE: June 14, 2017

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 14, 2017

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:

- Hosted a presentation by the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction on Guidelines for Gender Identification Non-Discrimination.
- Discussed the new Board policy and administrative regulations on Freedom of Expression in Student Journalism.
- Hosted a presentation and discussion by the Supervisor of School Security and Emergency Management on school security, safety and security concerns, active shooter events (ASE), previous law enforcement response to ASEs, security post-Columbine, and proactive and reactive measures.
- Hosted a presentation from the Superintendent on the budget process and, at the request of the Superintendent, shared that information with their individual schools.

- Received a presentation and update from the Supervisor of Equity and Community Outreach on the school system's Education That Is Multicultural and diversity initiatives for students and employees.
- Began developing a parent recognition plan to replace the Parent Involvement Matters Awards (PIMA) which have been discontinued by the Maryland State Board of Education.
- Discussed and implemented a plan designed to create an awareness of CAC and educate parents and staff on the role of the committee.
- Received and discussed information on school water testing.
- Received and discussed information on inclement weather and school closing decisions.
- Discussed and provided feedback to the Board regarding the printing of the annual Informational Calendar Handbook.
- Discussed and provided feedback to the Board of Education on the following topics released for public comment after each Board of Education meeting:
 - 2017 Legislative Position Statements
 - 2017-2018 Pre-Labor Day and Post-Labor Day Start School Calendars
 - High School Program of Studies and Career Pathways Planning Guide 2017-18
 - Revisions to Board Policy JICA – Student Dress Code
 - Curriculum Guides for 2016-2017
 - Five-Year Comprehensive Master Plan
 - FY 18 Operating Budget
 - Revisions to the 2017-2018 School Calendar
 - Board Policy ADA – Strategic Goals and Board Policy DBG – Adoption Process of the Annual Operating Budget
 - Revisions to Board Policy IIAA: Selection, Evaluation, and Adoption of Instructional Materials.

Committee Recommendations to the Board:

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