

**Agenda Item Number**

**ITEM TYPE:** Report

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**TITLE:** Annual Report of the Community Advisory Council

**DATE:** June 15, 2016

**OVERVIEW:**

The Community Advisory Council (CAC) is a standing committee of the Board of Education of Carroll County and serves as a channel for public concerns, advice, and information to reach 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. The CAC also responds to requests from the Board for research and recommendations.

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**Approve/Concur:**

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## **BOARD-APPOINTED STANDING COMMITTEES REPORT TO THE BOARD**

**Name of Committee:** Community Advisory Council

**Date of Report:** June 15, 2016

### **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 from the Superintendent on the budget process and, at the request of the Superintendent, shared that information with their individual schools.
- Received the recommendations of the Boundary Adjustment Committee, the timeline for the process, and the rationale for the recommendations. The committee members also discussed the role CAC would play in the process.
- Discussed the *State Assessment Report*, which provides information on state, local, and federally mandated assessments. Three members of CAC volunteered to serve on the Carroll County Public Schools' committee charged by the Superintendent to recommend a response from the school system and to review the current CCPS assessment schedule of all local, state, and federally mandated assessments.
- Provided feedback on issues such as the printing of the informational calendar, the Parent Involvement Matters Awards (PIMA), the modernization or replacement of the Career and Technology Center building, and student data privacy.
- Received information on the school system's internal efficiency report.

- Discussed and provided input on PARCC testing and received a data assessment update for the elementary, middle, and high school levels.
- Received information throughout the year on current initiatives and topics within the school system and shared that information with individual schools.
- Provided feedback to the Board of Education on topics released for public comment after each Board of Education meeting.
- Discussed and implemented a plan designed to create an awareness of CAC and educate parents and staff of the role of the committee.

**Committee Recommendations to the Board:**

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