

Community Advisory Council

CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Community Advisory Council Meeting April 23, 2018

The Community Advisory Council met on Monday, April 23, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education offices in Westminster.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES ON CURRENT TOPICS

Superintendent Stephen Guthrie updated CAC members on the following:

Proposed FY19 Budget:

- There was a \$6.4 million funding gap between the Board's budget request and expected revenue from the County Commissioners. The Commissioners allocated an additional \$2 million dollars, leaving a current funding gap of \$4.4 million.
- There are increases in the budget to fund the third year of the negotiated employee salary increases and inflationary impacts.
- The additional budget reductions will be painful. Positions from all areas will be affected and class sizes will increase.
- The Redistricting and School Closure Committee will not make its recommendations until September. If a decision is made to close any schools, it would not take effect until the 2019-2020 school year.
- The Board of Education will hold a budget work session on May 2nd at 4:00 p.m. at the Board offices, and the Commissioners will hold their public budget hearing on May 15th at 7:00 p.m. at Carroll Community College.

School Resource Officers/School Safety:

- Over the last few years, the school system has formed a Security Advisory Council, hired a security consultant, and implemented recommendations including visitor access control, staff training, and cameras.
- CCPS also partnered with law enforcement agencies to create an Adopt a School program where the police routinely check in on the schools.
- The school system did very well on the latest annual audit.
- The County Commissioners have provided funding for an increased police presence in the schools through the end of the school year.
- A new state law will require school resource officers in every school in the state by 2020.

Meeting Dates 2017-2018

Monday, October 9, 2017 • Monday, November 6, 2017* • Monday, December 4, 2017 (tentative)
Tuesday, January 9, 2018 • Tuesday, March 20, 2018 • Thursday, May 17, 2018

All meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Board offices in Westminster unless otherwise noted.

*Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

CAC Chair Carmen Shanholtz, who is a member of the Security Advisory Council, reported that the SAC has talked about increased parent outreach next year. CAC members suggested more language in SchoolMessenger announcements in case of lockout, lockdown, etc. to reinforce what these terms mean, as well as videos, newsletter announcements, information on the website, police safety assemblies, and fact sheets.

Duane Williams, Supervisor of School Security and Emergency Management, will be invited to the next CAC meeting.

Last Day of School:

Six snow days were built into the calendar and seven days were used. Therefore, the last day of school will be Friday, June 15. There will be a 2 hour and 45-minute early dismissal.

Board Elections:

- There are 10 candidates for 3 seats on the Board of Education. The primary election will be held on June 26th. The public may vote for up to 3 candidates, and the field will be narrowed to 6 who will move on to the general election in November.
- Everyone should get educated on the candidates and vote. The Board of Education is generally under-voted by 20 to 25%.
- A candidate forum will be held on May 8th at 6:30 p.m. at Oklahoma Road Middle School.
- The Community Media Center hosted a forum that is now available online.

New Superintendent:

- The Board of Education contracted with the Maryland Association of Boards of Education to conduct a superintendent search, held interviews and focus groups, and has reached an agreement with its top candidate.
- The new superintendent will be named at a special Board meeting on Wednesday, April 25, at 4:00 p.m.
- Mr. Guthrie will meet with the new superintendent numerous times to help assure a smooth transition
- Mr. Guthrie has accepted the position of Superintendent of the Sussex Technical School District in Sussex County, Delaware.

PARCC:

- PARCC will be discontinued and replaced with the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP).
- There will still be testing in grades 3, 8 and 11 and the standards will not be changing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Schools Represented:

Carrolltowne Elementary, Linton Springs Elementary, Mechanicsville Elementary, Oklahoma Road Middle, Piney Ridge Elementary, Runnymede Elementary, Sandymount Elementary, Spring Garden Elementary, William Winchester Elementary, CASE, CCEA, CCSGA.