

Community Advisory Council Meeting

November 20, 2018

The Community Advisory Council met on Wednesday, November 20, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education offices in Westminster.

Special Guests

Bob Lord, Board of Education Representative, shared that this was his last meeting as a Board Member. The new Board of Education Representative to the CAC will be chosen in December.

Jon O'Neal, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, presented information about legislation on education available to the community. The information available through the CCPS website includes the General Assembly of Maryland legislative dates, the Carroll Delegation, and where to find general legislative information such as positions on active legislation, logs of testimony, and the session bill tracker. There are also links to the Maryland Association of Boards of Education and the Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland websites.

Mr. O'Neal shared that the Board of Education position statements are intentionally general to allow flexibility in taking positions on bills as they arise. Also, CCPS tracks bills with significant impact on CCPS or that have a significant chance of being passed. Carroll County has always had an active role in legislation. While the legislative information is available, it needs to be better advertised to the community.

[Click here](#) to view the Legislation information under the Board of Education link on the CCPS website.

Updates

On November 27, the Superintendent and Board of Education President will hold a Town Meeting at Manchester Valley HS at 7 p.m. This will be an open forum format. The last Town Meeting was well attended.

On December 5, a Board of Education Budget Work Session will be held at 4p.m. in the Board Room.

CCPS has used one of the four inclement weather days built into the calendar. It is predicted to be a tough winter.

There is a new accountability system for the school systems across the state. An email will be sent out on December 3 explaining the "school report card". The rating system is 1 to 5 stars and the criteria for the rating will be explained in the email. The presentation on the system given at the last Board of Education meeting is on the CCPS website. [Click here](#) to view the presentation.

The swearing-in of new Board of Education members is scheduled for December 4 at 1 p.m.

A CAC member asked why the Board of Education meetings are held during the work day instead of later when people would be out of work. Board meetings used to be held at 7 p.m., but no one came and the late time was a burden on the staff. Meetings were moved to 4 p.m. but that did not change the attendance. Eventually the time was moved to 5 p.m. to try to get better attendance. High interest topics and public comment are later on the agenda so that people can come and participate, but the

finding has been that people will come to meetings when they have a specific interest in an agenda topic.

Miscellaneous

- The BYOD survey for grades 3-5 did go out. Results may come out in December.
- A question was asked if CCPS had a stance on the segregation/desegregation of Scout Troops (single gender vs co-ed) who hold meetings in a public school building. CCPS is simply allowing use of the facility. It is up to each Troop to make the decision as to whether to be single gender or co-ed.
- Oklahoma Road Middle School is having a "pie in the face" on November 21 of the Principal and 3 teachers to raise funds for the PTO.
- Runnymede Elementary School is holding "Western Day" on November 21.
- Bob Lord will spend 24 hours at Outdoor School with a news reporter as one of his last activities as a Board member.
- A question was asked about what happens with students who do not want to attend Outdoor School. Children who cannot attend outdoor school with their team attend classes with the part of the middle school team that is not attending Outdoor School that week. Students can also attend for just the days and not spend the night. Outdoor School has accommodations for ALL students.
- The Commissioners approved \$10 million in the FY19 budget for the Career and Technology Center project and has earmarked \$50 million for future years. The project will be done in phases, with the third phase hoping to accommodate new programs. Phase 1 is an addition to the building and will bring the building up to code.
- The Career and Technology Center is currently accommodating 3 non-Carroll students (from PA). CCTC will not take student spaces away from CCPS students but will allow outside students to attend if there are openings in a program.

Future Topics

Please email Ms. Gaddis at wcgaddi@carrollk12.org with any additional topics for future meetings.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 14, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Board offices.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Schools Represented:

Carroll Springs Elementary, Cranberry Station Elementary, Eldersburg Elementary, Friendship Valley Elementary, Hampstead Elementary, Mechanicsville Elementary, Mt. Airy Elementary, Oklahoma Road Middle, Runnymede Elementary, Parr's Ridge Elementary, Piney Ridge Elementary, South Carroll High, Spring Garden Elementary, West Middle, Westminster High, Winters Mill High, BOE, CCEA, CASE