

Agenda Item #: Report

ITEM TYPE:
(Action, Discussion, Report)

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

TITLE: Annual Report of the Community Advisory Council

DATE: June 12, 2019

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.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

Objective II.i: Communication between CCPS and the community demonstrates transparency, trust, and respect.

FISCAL IMPACT: No additional impact

RECOMMENDATION/FUTURE DIRECTION: For Board information

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Approve/Concur:

Steven A. Lockard, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

BOARD-APPOINTED STANDING COMMITTEES REPORT TO THE BOARD

Name of Committee: Community Advisory Council

Date of Report: June 12, 2019

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:

- Invited the new Superintendent to address the Council. Dr. Lockard spoke regarding the importance of CAC and shared his vision for the school system.
- Received an update from the Supervisor of School Security and Emergency Management on the Safe to Learn Act, as well as improvements made in the process for parent communications related to school security.
- Hosted a presentation by the Assistant Superintendent of Operations on legislation affecting education and the school system.
- Received an overview of the new "school report card" rating system.
- Hosted a presentation by the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Operations on the FY20 proposed operating budget.

- Provided input to one of the Security Advisory Council Subcommittees on the best ways to communicate with parents during times of crisis.
- Hosted a presentation by the Executive Director of Performance, Equity, and Accountability on the role of the department and provided input on the proposed equity policy.
- Determined the best methods for marketing and outreach for the Council and how to meet the goal of representation of all schools at meetings.
- Shared information on Board items out for feedback with individual school communities and encouraged parents to provide feedback to the Board of Education throughout the year.
- Worked with the Board of Education to develop ways to more effectively use the Council.

Committee Recommendations to the Board:

During the next school year, the Community Advisory Council would like to:

- Expand marketing methods so that all parents have a better awareness of the Council.
- Receive assignments from the Board both at the beginning of the year and throughout the year.
- Develop a formal protocol for reporting feedback to the Board.