Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Notes

April 13, 2023 meeting – Carver Center, Board Room

There were 26 total attendees, including 17 CAC members.

Board member/committee chair Dianne Heath opened the meeting by welcoming all CAC members and attendees.

Library Media Programs: Internal Book Reviews- Mr. Kyle Rickansrud

- What we do in our libraries
    - Provide facilities that are inviting, nurturing, and conducive to learning
    - Develop diverse collections.
    - Provide equitable and timely access to organized collections and professional services.
    - Collaborate with teachers to facilitate student learning through the integration of information literacy skills in all curricular areas.
    - Support students and staff in the development of technology skills.
    - Provide learning opportunities that develop critical thinking skills in order to perform authentic research.
    - Develop partnerships with parents and community members to establish and foster a community of learners.
    - Connect students to the community through the public library, as well as expand their access to educational resources.

- Older Teen Collection
    - How we review our titles (going title by title)
        - Commonsensemedia.org
        - Goodreads.org
        - Purchased HW Wilson
    - What is happening now
        - Meeting Bi-weekly to discuss and categorize fiction titles
        - Collaborate on a unified book selection for high schools for LAC review.
        - Reviewed MS Book orders through LAC; elementary and high school order review upcoming.
        - Every high school parent will identify their library access preference upon enrollment/emergency card process.

Mrs. Heath asked for groups to consider what CCPS has done well through this process and what they can improve.

What CCPS has done well

- CCPS has responded
- Has taken the time and manpower to make sure books are well vetted
- Has become better at listening and engaging
- Openness and transparency of what CCPS is doing has been good
- Media centers have evolved. Lots of things students can find interesting
- Want parents to have a voice for their child
- Have a better product now
- Media specialists are interactive with students

What CCPS can improve

- Review process is changing and hard to keep up with
- Feel rubric should be more measurable
- Make sure kids don't have access to OT if no Opt-in
- Add Booklook.org as resource for review
- Contact with parents, especially in high school
- Make things consistent between schools

Adjournment

Mrs. Heath adjourned the meeting, thanking everyone for attending.