

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Notes

February 15, 2023 meeting – Carver Center, Board Room



There were 25 total attendees, including 21 CAC members.

Board member/committee chair Dianne Heath opened the meeting by welcoming all CAC members and attendees. She then advised on the purpose of CAC.

Comar: Each county board shall establish at least one citizen advisory committee to advise the board and to facilitate its activities and programs in the public schools

CCPS guidelines for CAC (CAC's role):

1. Advising the board and providing feedback from its point of view
2. Assisting the school system in effective communications between the public and the Board
3. Serving as advocates for the public schools

FY24 Budget Presentation- Dr. Jeffrey Lawson

- Funding comes from County(35%), State(55%) and Federal government(5-10%)
- Two consecutive years of minimal county funding
- Large class sizes are a big concern
- Over 100 positions currently remain in the ESSER grant which expires 9/30/24
- Asking for 65 more positions (\$3.2 million)

Mrs. Heath opened the floor for questions and discussion.

Public Participation

Attendees were asked to share opinions and ideas for public participation in board meetings. A list of ideas generated are below.

- Extra meeting for public participation
- Two way communication
- People want to feel heard and considered
- Too many meetings can make Board ineffective
- Board meeting directed toward agenda items, extra meeting for broader discussion
- Want change because they don't feel heard since board doesn't respond
- Need atmosphere of respect
- Like public participation at end of meeting
- More transparency through localized meetings or town halls or extra 2-way communication meetings
- Eliminate public participation in board meetings

Adjournment

Mrs. Heath thanked everyone for attending.

Information regarding the next meeting, scheduled for March 14, 2023, will be sent to all CAC members via email.