Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Notes

March 23, 2021

Board members/committee co-chairs Diana Hawley and Christie Stephens opened the meeting by welcoming all CAC members and meeting attendees; thanked Dr. Foye (EHS Principal), Dr. Seemans (EHS Assistant Principal), and all who helped with meeting logistics; provided a brief overview of the agenda; and welcomed the following leadership team members, presenters, and panelists:

- Dr. Jeffrey Lawson, Superintendent
- Dr. Joseph Buckley, Associate Superintendent for Administrative Services
- Dr. Carolyn Tiegland, Associate Superintendent for Education Services
- Ms. Rebecca Clark, Counselor, North East High School
- Ms. Keely O'Hara, Teacher, Elkton High School
- Ms. Paula Webster, Principal, Bainbridge Elementary School
- Mr. James Zimmer, Instructional Coordinator, Social Studies

There were 32 total attendees, including 22 CAC members.

Student Success Panel/Presentation

- Dr. Tiegland summarized the Student Success Task Force and how the findings have been implemented. Dr. Tiegland and the panelists provided findings from student focus groups, information about a family communication plan, student engagement, and academic support. Panelists also discussed best practices when communicating with families, how instruction is tailored to support student success, the needs of students when reconnecting with school and peers, ways to strategically address learning gaps, summer school, and things we have learned that will inform work in the future.

- There were no additional questions from CAC members.

Open Q & A Session

Ms. Hawley and Ms. Stephens opened the floor for questions and discussion. Topics discussed included the following: Summer school; increased county Covid metrics; student and teacher mental health and supports; teacher burnout; teacher and para shortages and increased workload; and the challenges when teaching virtually and face-to-face simultaneously.

Adjournment

Ms. Hawley and Ms. Stephens thanked CCPS staff members for providing information/answers and all CAC members and meeting participants for their thoughtful comments and questions. Information regarding the next meeting, scheduled for April 27, 2021, will be sent to CAC members via email.