

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Notes

December 6, 2023



Welcome and Introduction

Board member and CAC committee chairperson Joe Ferdinando opened the meeting and invited CAC members (seated at the tables) to complete a voluntary contact list to share with other members.

There were 23 total attendees, including 18 CAC members.

CCPS Staff/Parent Survey Budget Implications

Knowing that significant cuts are likely, Dr. Lawson provided follow-up information and answered questions regarding last meeting's FY25 budget presentation and survey results, including the following information:

- The first BOE budget hearing is January 24; preliminary expenses will be presented.
- This year's budget survey sought feedback on specific areas of potential budget cuts. Dr. Lawson provided explanations and cost totals for categories in the survey, including environmental education; clubs and after school activities; middle school sports; high school sports; student supports; gifted and talented; and fine arts.
- If we do not receive additional revenue, there is an anticipated 7-8% of positions cut proportionately across all staff categories—except maintenance and operations.

Discussion: FY25 Budget and Budget Shortfall

CAC members engaged in discussion. Questions/topics discussed included the following: the cost of a fully funded budget; CCPS's State ranking for both per pupil funding and county wealth; MOE calculation; Blueprint law; salary comparisons for superintendent, administrators, and teachers; behavioral concerns of our students, including the youngest learners; Judy Center and ECE impact; gifted and talented program; the impact of CCST for students; the impact of the 75/25 revenue allocation formula per Blueprint law.

Adjournment

Mr. Ferdinando thanked CAC members and other attendees. Information regarding the next meeting, scheduled for February 13, will be sent to CAC members via email.