Citizen Advisory Committee for Anne Arundel County Public Schools Board of Education
February 11, 2019

Meeting opened at 7:03pm

Guest Speaker: Matt Stanski, Director of Financial Operations
- County Council is ultimate fiscal authority over AACPS. Voter-imposed cap means we cannot have revenue growth. State allows local jurisdiction 3.2% “piggyback” tax and Anne Arundel County is at 2.5%.
- New this year: County Executive Pittman will be having 7 of his own budget hearings.
- Restricted Funds have strings attached and are designated for specific purposes. Title 1 poverty level; Title 2 teacher education; Title 3 esl; Title 4 fine arts.
- Casino money: $35.4 mil going to construction. How much will end up in AA County? What will be the funding formula?
- Upping night school teachers from $25 to $30/hour.
- Looking for a computer science point person.
- HR Budget: Benefits assistant needed due to larger retiring population.
- Subs making $90/day, hoping to increase to $100/day.
- Operations: grown square feet but not added custodial.
- With this budget, hoping not to charge fees on mandatory courses at Arlington Echo (e.g. drown-proofing).
- Not many people came out for budget hearings this year
- Class reduction for 116 teachers and enrollment growth. No elementary teachers requested.
- Districts have not recovered from the recession. The funding has not been restored to the levels seen in the early 2000s. AA county under tax cap.
- Governor’s education budget.
- Kirwan commission expected to become a 300-400 page Bill. Legislature set aside $200m last year for Kirwan commission but Governor has still not appropriated the money.

Secretary’s Report
Tabled due to technical issues.

Chair’s Report (Brandon Gulley)
CAC informs and does not advocate.

Vice-chair’s Report (Tanisha Howard)
Policy committee is reviewing bullying and harassment policy with line items to specify, define, and clarify AACPS position on various issues.

Board of Education Update by Dana Schallheim, District 5
Amendments to the budget will occur at the February 20, 2019 meeting.
Old Business
Recess guidelines are a concern. Equity subcommittee will research the issue further.

New Business
The vote to make the Global Citizenship Course got past the CAC and a lot of the parents missed the opportunity for community input prior making it a required course to graduate. Could the Board entertain a new process of introducing this to the public before voting in the future?

Announcements
None.

Adjourned at 9:32pm.

Next Meetings
April 8, 2019, 7pm in the Board of Education Room
May 13, 2019, 7pm in the Board of Education Room