

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