

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes
Anne Arundel County Public Schools' Board of Education Room
April 8, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Secretary's Report

Motion to approve November and February Minutes made by Julia Howes and seconded by Tanisha Howard. Motion adopted.

Board of Education Update by Melissa Ellis

- Deep in redistricting Crofton area.
- Holding breath with budget.
- Attended the National School Board Conference in Philadelphia where they identified several areas they could try new things.
- They are working with Dr. Arlotto to stay active on social media regarding school culture and bullying issues.

Chair's Report

Brandon Gulley attended the policy meeting discussing class rank. They also discussed where the line is when dealing with non-school-specific issues. I

Secu Presentation by Amanda Parsley (amanda.parsley@secumd.com, 410.487.7455) "Reality" Fair about how to budget given at Old Mill, Severna Park and Chesapeake High Schools. There is a presentation about what to do with a first paycheck and how much the government takes out along with a basic overview of what credit is and saving options. After this, they pick a career to see income broke down by daily/monthly/yearly.

Global Community Citizenship Class Presentation

Mary Tillar, mtillar@aacps.org, Assistant Superintendent for Advanced Studies & Programs
Michele Batten, mbatten@aacps.org, Assistant Superintend for Curriculum and Instruction
Shannon Pugh, spugh@aacps.org, Manager, Academic Strategies/Instructional Assessments

Over 1k students have taken course focusing on how students are alike and different from peers. In GCCC, the students matter. Supports development of independent thinker. Provides freshman foundation of embracing inclusiveness where students are able to have civil discourse by giving their voice and being respectful to others. The program works hard identifying teachers who are passionate about the course.

Old Business

- Please let Brandon and Teresa know if you intend to continue serving in the CAC next year.
- Elections will take place next meeting.

- Class rank policy: Several counties have eliminated val-sal and still admitted to good colleges. School counselors fill out the rank information. Most colleges are used to the cum laude system.

New Business

- The survey that went out about the calendar was misleading. If you said you didn't want to add days, then didn't get to fill out the rest of the survey. People didn't understand that adding days meant a longer spring break, etc. Hoping survey results will be made public.
- Recess concerns are bringing up lunch concerns as well. Especially students who buy lunch. Teresa will do a little more research.
- How to prevent lost children at bus stops?
- What is the policy on email blasts? Is it at the principals discretion? People dont want the boiiler broke at 5am and its fixed, but then videos of fights are being passed around school. People rely on these messages and it needs to be consistent across the board.
- Could the global citizenship course be offered in middle school? There are already so few electives in 9th grade and the foundation could be better achieved at the middle school level.
- Class size, equity, and achievement gap concerns have been brought up by various school systems.

Adjourned at 9:05pm.

Next Meeting:

May 13, 2019 in Board of Education room on Riva Road at 7pm