VP Advocacy Officer Report, Laura Stewart

February 2021

This past month I have attended the following meetings:

**Executive Committee meeting with Dr. Smith**

**Virtual Learning Committee**

Various meetings, planning and implementing the Special Education Town Hall. Requested to meet with MCPS to discuss Outdoor Learning opportunities again, we have not received a response as of yet. Discussed teen equity hub effort with Will Jawando’s team (I represented our committee.)

**Health and Wellness Committee**

Continuing to dialog with MCPS concerning HVAC, air quality, water quality, sanitizing procedures, and PPE.  Meetings to discuss letter requesting MCPS hire a consultant in order to assure IAQ in Covid-19 environment.

**SSP Subcommittee**

Waiting for Recordation Tax discussion. Mentioned in CIP tesimony.

**CIP Committee**

Testified on county wide CIP issues, advocating for increased funds for HVAC issues and capacity projects. Coordinated Area Vice President County Council testimony.

**Advocacy Committee**

Spreadsheet of bills has been created. Will track bills and communicate with committees. Asked to add bill that would reimburse parents.

Sent written testimony for the Menstrual Hygiene bill, Pregnant and Parenting Student Support, FASFA Requirements. Kirwan bill in process of veto override.

Open Data contract was approved by BOE, will follow up to give MCCPTA input.

**Black and Brown Coalition**

Discussed the bargaining process and the BBC ask that highly qualified teachers and leadership are assigned to schools with high rates of children that qualify for FARMS.

Received an update on Equity Hubs.

**Testifying to Government Bodies:**

County Council CIP Hearings and State Bill supporting the FASFA graduation requirement unless waived.