

# Committee Plan of Work

For School Year 2018 -2019

Name of Committee: Health and Safety

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**SUBCOMMITTEES / WORK GROUPS** (if applicable):

- Safe Technology, Lisa Cline and Assya Pascalev, Co \_Chairs. Committee Email: safetech@mccpta.org
- School Climate and Safety. Gillian Huebner, Chair. Committee Email: Schoolclimate@mccpta.org
- School Nutrition Lisa Mandell, Chair. Phone (301) 581 - 0538      Committee Email: nutrition@mccpta.org
- Possibly Substance Abuse and Prevention

**GOALS & OBJECTIVES:** To work with parents, students, teachers, staff, MCPS administrators, experts, elected officials, to enhance the health and safety of MCPS students.

**ACTIVITIES PLANNED**

Activity	Details	Timeframe/Deadline
Mental Health and Wellness Forum	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual MCPS-MCCPTA Mental Health and Wellness Forum	Jan 12, 2019
See below for Subcommittees		

Supplies Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor(s)/Supplier(s) (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Agreement/Contract: \_\_\_\_\_

Budget requested: \$4500 (including all subcommittees)\_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## SAFE TECH SUBCOMMITTEE 2018-19 PRIORITIES

- Continued partnership with MCPS on student data protection, strengthening parental controls and transparency of data use
- Host "Screen Schooled" Presentation – early Fall (\$400 for speaker fees; \$100 for room rental, \$20 for printing flyers)
- Host "Zapped" docu. (\$250 for DVD; \$100 for room rental)
- Host Common Sense Education "MCPS Presents" with April Delaney (\$25 for handouts)
- Prepare Round Table on Digital Health and Well Being for 2019 Mental Health & Wellness Forum (\$100 for handouts)
- New Curriculum White Paper: Partner w/ Curriculum Comm.; bring to DA for Resolution; Share with BOE
- Host MCCPTA parent workshop in partnership with curriculum committee to discuss device use in classroom – Fall 2018 (\$50 for handouts)
- Continue to appear before BOE throughout 2018-19 year
- Expand Safe Tech Resources on website
- CAMRA advocacy
- Wait Until Eight Advocacy and Presentations (\$30 for handouts)
- Continue to work with CTO on Student Data Deletion Day

## School Nutrition Subcommittee

Work with Susan McCarron, MCPS Nutrition and Food Services Director, in order to stay informed of changes and improvements to MCPS school food, share MCPS DFNS news with local PTA communities, communicate parent and student concerns to MCPS DFNS, and help develop strategies to address concerns. Continue to advocate for items in the MCCPTA School Food Resolution.

## ACTIVITIES PLANNED: School Nutrition Subcommittee

Activity	Details	Timeframe/Deadline
Meeting	Committee	Fall and Spring
Meeting	With Susan McCarron at DFNS	Once a quarter
Communications	Share DFNS news and other school nutrition related news on Health and Safety and Delegates list serves	Ongoing

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## School Climate and Safety Subcommittee

### Safety and Security

- Track implementation of the MCPS Safety and Security Strategic Plan
- Create opportunities for interaction/communication between MCCPTA, PTAs and the new Chief of Safety on implementation of the plan and other security/safety concerns
- Convene 1-2 MCCPTA open meetings on school safety and security in 2018-2019 with relevant MCPS, MCPD stakeholders
- Liaise with relevant stakeholders (with a focus on student leaders) within and outside the system to proactively prevent gun violence and share resources for parents

### Child Abuse and Neglect

- Liaise with relevant stakeholders within and outside the system on issues related to preventing and responding to child (sexual) abuse and neglect and promote parent awareness on prevention, reporting, and MCPS response
- Develop and circulate a fact-sheet on prevalence (national and within MCPS), best practices in prevention, reporting requirements, and local resources

### Rights of and Protections for Undocumented Students and Families

(in conjunction with MCCPTA Multicultural Engagement Committee)

- Ensure that all MCPS families are aware of the rights and protections of undocumented students and their families
- Facilitate opportunities for "Know Your Rights" workshops for immigrant families and allies
- Establish a rapid response communication mechanism to trigger immediate and appropriate support for any MCPS student or family affected by deportation

### Discipline and Restorative Practices

- Track disproportionality in discipline
- Build awareness about MCPS restorative justice/practice programs
- Create opportunities for parents to experience community circles

### Combating all forms of bias, discrimination, hate and sexual harassment in schools

- Track national and local trends related to incidences of bias, discrimination, hate, and sexual harassment in schools
- Ensure that MCPS families are aware of local resources and programs to prevent and address these issues
- Promote student-led efforts to address these issues

### Communication

- September outreach and parent survey through MCCPTA channels
- Monthly blogs, with succinct, issue-specific information posted to the website
- Intermittent information related to emergencies or other time-sensitive issues

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