**MCCPTA Committee Work Plan — 2019-20**

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**Vision**

We are a group of parents interested in the smart and safe use of technology at our schools, its impact on students' physical and mental health, digital privacy and evolving safety guidelines. We read the latest science and studies and relay trends and concerns to [MCPS](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/) and our [Board of Education](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/).

**Goals**

Primary —
Elementary School:

• Outreach to teachers about age-appropriate use of Chromebooks.

• Recommend no Chromebook use (except for testing & special learners) at lower grade levels (K-2); careful and clear learning-centered use for 3-5 grade levels with the objective of guarding against known harmful impacts of screen use.

Middle School: Away For the Day cell phone policy system-wide

High School:Limit phone use in class and screen-based for homework

Secondary —

• Complete Tech. Guidelines for Administrators project (Fall target) with CAO leadership team

• Get approval for an conduct independent student data safety audit
• Work with MCPS on alternative to Naviance
• Continue to explore minimizing wifi exposure in class / moratorium on cell towers on school grounds

**Action Steps**

• Continue monthly meetings with the Chief Technology Officer/Team (no cost)

• Continue regular meetings with the Chief Academic Officer/Team (no cost)
• Create flyer/handouts for events such as Mental Health Forum ($300)

• Safe Tech-themed essay or drawing competition ($200)

• Host viewing of *Screenagers* at Ridgeview MS & Rich. Montgomery HS ($650)

• Attend national meetings/conferences as able ($200)

• Host student play about social media: Oct. 22 DA/MCCPTA Presents (no cost)

• Meet every other month as a subcommittee (no cost)

• Regular updates to the Safe Tech web page (no cost)

• Involve MCPS students in Safe Tech activities and/or as Safe Tech peer ambassadors e.g., via participation for SSL hours at Safe Tech events (no cost)

**Meeting Schedule**

• As needed

• Email used as primary communication vehicle

• This year, we will attempt ZOOM virtual meetings

**Expenses**

• $300 for Event Flyers/Handouts

• $200 for Student Safe Tech competition — posters and awards (gift cards?)

• $650 for *Screenagers* licensing/viewing fee

• $200 for conferences/workshops (I.e. 2019 Common Sense Media Conf. DC)

TOTAL: $1350