**MCCPTA Vice President for Education report to MCCPTA Board of Directors [August 20, 2020]**

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(*italics* marks old information)

**Activities (since June 16)**

MCPS curriculum recovery team (June 17)

MCCPTA executive committee (June 22)

MCPS curriculum recovery team (June 24)

MCCPTA Training (June 24)

MCCPTA executive committee (June 29)

MCCPTA Diversity (July 1)

MCPS curriculum recovery team (July 1)

MCPS curriculum recovery team (July 8)

MCCPTA executive committee (July 9)

MCPS Board of Education (July 14)

MCCPTA diversity (July 15)

MCPS curriculum recovery team (July 15)

MCCPTA Special Education (July 17)

MCPS CIP meeting (July 21)

MCCPTA curriculum committee meeting with MCPS OCIP (July 22)

MCPS curriculum recovery team (July 22)

MCCPTA executive committee (July 23)

MCCPTA committees (August 3)

MCPS curriculum recovery team (August 5)

MCPS Board of Education (August 6)

MCCPTA ESOL committee meeting with MCPS (August 12)

MCCPTA executive committee (August 13)

Richard Montgomery HS IB Diploma Program update (August 18)

**Broad Topics**

Fall virtual learning model final plan to be presented to Board of Education next Tuesday Aug. 25

MCPS all virtual for first semester 2020-21 (until at least February 1, 2021).

Platform: MyMCPS (Canvass); no more Google classroom

Concerns about assessments and standardized testing opportunities – state advocacy needed

Unrealistic to expect all content to be delivered and learned in virtual learning environment

**Curriculum –** Amanda Graver returning as chair again

Grading:

* MCPS reestablishing letter grade expectations for students in virtual learning
* Maybe: 1 graded assignment and 1 homework/completion assignment per week
* Maybe: up to 30 minutes maximum homework per day per class (will be hard to enforce)
* Likely: More standardized assignments across classes in a school and weighting for grade determination and penalty for late work across schools in the county

International Baccalaureate:

* IB Office has indicated to-be-revealed reduction of topics to be covered in year-end exams.
* Richard Montgomery HS achieved exceptional 96% diploma pass rate for 2020 (world rate is <80%) and most diplomas earned (162) ever by Montgomery County school in a single year

**ESOL –** reestablished with Jay Guan as chair

Concerns about loss of ESOL Pre-K teachers has carried over since February 2020.

MCPS Board of Education approved comprehensive ESOL evaluation and comparison to like counties

ESOL fall workshops for parents discussed with MCPS

**Special Education** – Rachel Tate back as chair, with new vice chairs

Planning fall back to school virtual town hall with MCPS

**Gifted Child** – new chair Audra Dove

Priorities: Identify inequities, accurate identification of students, advanced STEM/science, and data collection/analysis

Planning monthly virtual workshop