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This report is divided into parts. The first addresses H&S Committee as a whole. This is followed by subcommittee reports.

### **H&S Committee**

1. Planning Mental Health and Wellness Forum 4/22.
2. Visited with State Senator Kathleen Dumais on child abuse Failure to Report bill. 2/8.
3. Montgomery County Student Health Council meeting. 3/6.
4. Next OSFSE meeting 3/20.

### **School Nutrition**

Lisa Mandell and committee member Suzanne VanDusen met to discuss her wellness efforts at her child's school. Also Lisa represented MCCPTA at the February MCPS Wellness Committee meeting and learned more about how MCCPTA can help spread the word about the MCPS wellness regulation requiring schools to have wellness teams made up of school staff and parents. Existing PTA wellness committees can be instrumental in helping schools create wellness teams. The committee plans to schedule a meeting in April with the Susan McCarron, the director of MCPS DFNS (date TBD).

### **Safe Technology**

1. At the 2/12 BOE meeting, 4 subcommittee members asked the Board to further minimize and/or justify how and why devices are used in the classroom.
2. On 2/20 4 members met with CTO Pete Cevenini and his Deputy. We asked for blue light filters to be made available to all students.
3. On 2/26, the CTO's office made blue light filters available to all students. See attached.
4. On 3/2, about 30 MCPS parents signed a letter endorsing House Bill 1110, which calls on Maryland State Education agencies to form safety guidelines for the use of technology in schools.

### **School Climate**

- [Kojo Nnamdi show on teen sexting](#), Feb. 1
- Shared info about prevalence of teen sexting with delegates
- Attended MCPS Parent Academy on Restorative Practices, Feb. 12

- Shared information and resources for parents in the era of school shootings, Feb. 15
- Compiled PTSA questions on school safety & security prior to the DA meeting (attached), Feb. 23
- Participated in prep calls with MCPS leadership in advance of DA meeting, Feb. 24
- Interviews with Bethesda Magazine and Local DVM on school safety and security and Einstein HS lockdown
- Shared information about MCPS emergency communications, March 2
- Shared information on National School Walkout, March 3
- Meeting with MCPD officer Dana Strotman on active shooter drills, March 5
- Reviewing MCPS response to sexual abuse cases and recommendations, ongoing