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## **Recent & Ongoing Activities**

- Provided Special Education 101 Training at Sargent Shriver Elementary PTA Meeting
- Provided Special Education 101 Training at Stonegate Elementary PTA Meeting
- Attended Delegates Assembly
- Provided information on Internet Safety and Netiquette to Stonegate PTA member to use at Girl Scout meeting.
- Special Education Chair Meeting on Monday, December 4. Discussion items: the new online IEP, examples of advocacy letters, MCPS Special Education hierarchy, elementary report, cards, safe technology and the Kirwan Commission.
- Ongoing dissemination of information about community events and trainings to assist special needs families
- Ongoing work on Kirwan Commission and how special education families may be impacted
- Ongoing maintenance of Special Education Chair list and Yahoo group
- Ongoing providing assistance to families needing help navigating the special education process
- Committee members: Julie Reiley (Vice Chair), Katie Smeltz, Crystal Poole, Beth Tello, and Shameen Anthonio-Williams

## **Future Activities**

- MCCPTA Board of Directors Meeting, Thursday, Dec 7
- Next Chair meeting is Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:30 pm

## **Contacts/Correspondence**

- Kevin Lowndes Follow up email concerns over the math curriculum and reduction of self-contained and Math and English classes at the secondary school level
- Phil Lynch and elementary school administration emails (including Dr. Statham and Dr. Kimball) about parental concerns over student safety and accommodations
- Board of Education Regarding Dr, Docca's use of the "R" word during the July Swearing in Ceremony of the Student Member of the Board
- Washington Post reporter Donna St. George
- Tilden Middle School staff and administration about parental concerns with IEP
- Hoover parent concerns with IEP