

## **MCCPTA Committee Work Plan 2017-18**

### **CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE**

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#### **VISION:**

The Cultural Arts Committee supports and promotes PTA/PTSA efforts to present high-quality performances, performance opportunities, workshops, residencies, and in-school field trips to students in MCPS to enrich their educational program and artistic experiences.

#### **GOALS:**

Under the direction and approval of MCCPTA, this committee will address the following goals this year:

The Cultural Arts Committee will offer a training session in the fall, and in spring if requested, for representatives of Cultural Arts committees in MCPS; share information about grant opportunities; and facilitate communication between schools about successful programs to maximize the cultural arts experiences presented to MCPS students and staff. The committee will work together with the Superintendent's Committee for Performances in MCPS.

At the direction of the Executive Committee, the Cultural Arts Committee will also oversee the 7th Annual MCCPTA Performing Arts Festival.

#### **ACTION STEPS:**

Under the direction and approval of MCCPTA, this committee will use the following steps to achieve the outlined goals:

Workshops - The Committee will participate in the MCCPTA fall training workshop to be held on **Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**, and participate in the MCCPTA spring training for 2018 if requested. The committee will provide information on procedural guidelines for choosing and scheduling performances; contracting with performing artists; grant opportunities for performances, workshops and residencies; information about the PTArts e-list; and the Cultural Arts Showcases sponsored by the Superintendent's Committee for Performances in MCPS. Seda Gelenian, who is the chair of the Superintendent's Committee for Performances in MCPS, and al the coordinator of the MCPS Cultural Arts Showcases, will be invited to participate.

Showcases - The Chair will assist the Superintendent's Committee for Performances in MCPS by staffing the registration desk at the Cultural Arts Showcases on **October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> (9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.), and October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> (6-9 p.m.)** PLEASE NOTE: Exact ending times will be determined after performers have signed up to showcase, following the new performer auditions held in September.

E-list - The Committee will continue to promote the PTArts E-list ([PTArts@yahoogleroups.com](mailto:PTArts@yahoogleroups.com)), introduced in 2001 as a means by which Montgomery County PTA Cultural Arts chairpersons can share information about their programs with each other online. The PTArts E-list will continue to disseminate information regarding the Showcases, cultural arts workshops, grant deadlines, and other artistic information. An effort will be made to increase the membership by having sign-up information available at the MCCPTA fall training and at all Showcases. The committee chair will be responsible for maintaining this E-list.

Budget Survey - The Chair will continue doing the annual cultural arts budget survey, which will be posted on the PTArts E-list so that cultural arts representatives can see what other schools' PTA's are allotting for cultural arts expenses.

Mailings - Mailing to schools about training opportunities will continue via the "Pony" and all copying of materials will be done through the MCCPTA office.

Performing Arts Festival: Volunteer TBD will organize and spearhead the MCCPTA Performing Arts Festival, on spring semester date(s) and at location(s) to be decided in the fall.

### **Expenses:**

The Committee is requesting a budget of \$1500 for venue rental and other costs associated with the Performing Arts Festival. No other expenses are anticipated at this time.