

MCCPTA Standing Committees

Advocacy - Provides information to the membership regarding issues, legislative action, bills, and proposed legislation before the Maryland General Assembly, Montgomery County Council, and US Congress when those actions affect children, families, public education, or the safety of students.

Laura Stewart - VPAdvocacy@mccpta.org

Capital Improvement Program - Supports the advocacy of MCCPTA and the individual clusters on capital related issues. Dedicated to the principle that every child in Montgomery County is entitled to attend school in a safe, secure, healthy and modern facility. Works to see that MCPS meets countywide facilities' needs, and in particular that MCPS keeps pace with planned additions, modernizations and county-wide programs to replace and maintain building facilities.

Katya Martin - CIP@mccpta.org

Communications - Works in coordination with the Executive Committee to facilitate internal and external communications, including, managing e-lists, maintaining website, and coordinating public relations.

Adam Lee - Communications@mccpta.org

Subcommittees

Blue Book – Collects contact information and designs MCCPTA's annual directory.

Adam Lee - communications@mccpta.org

e-Communications - Designs Constant Contact emails and manages e-lists. - **OPEN**

Social Media - Manages Facebook and Twitter accounts - **OPEN**

Public Relations - Creates press releases and responds to media inquiries about issues involving MCCPTA. - **OPEN**

Webmaster - Manages, updates and designs MCCPTA.org.

Chris Bowerman - Webmaster@mccpta.org

Curriculum - Represents parents, students, and teachers, advocating for effective course content to engage and to develop children toward readiness for 21st century careers, whether college or vocational-bound, and communicates current and potential curriculum issues or concerns to PTA members and MCPS.

Tammy Clark Email: Curriculum@mccpta.org

Subcommittees

Elementary Education – **Rodney Peele** - RMCC-3@mccpta.org

Middle/High School Ed – **Amanda Graver** - Amanda.graver@icloud.com

Student Service Learning SSL – **Elise Browne Hughes** - SSL@mccpta.org

Early Childhood Education - **OPEN**

ESOL – Focuses on developing strategies and activities to increase involvement of ESOL parents and empowering them with information to make effective decisions regarding their child's education, therefore improving their child's academic learning and success. - **OPEN**

Gifted Child Committee - Advocates on behalf of children who require accelerated and enriched instruction to achieve their full potential. Seeks to increase public awareness of the special needs of all highly able learners and to assist their parents in guiding the education of these children. Promotes the philosophy that appropriately challenging

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opportunities can be provided for advanced level learners without undermining appropriate educational opportunities for on-grade level students.

Lang Lin - Gifted@mccpta.org

Vice Chairs: Kim Testa/Mandy Lemar - Gifted@mccpta.org

Health and Safety - Assists in evaluating MCPS policies and practices to determine areas of concerns for the safety, health, and well-being of students and teachers, and works as a partner with MCPS and other community leaders to advocate for improvement. Guided by the philosophy that every student and teacher has an inherent right to be in a safe, healthy and secure environment while they are under the care of the public school system.

Sunil Dasgupta Email: HealthSafety@mccpta.org

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Mental Health & Wellness - **OPEN**

Substance Use & Prevention – **Laura Mitchell**

Nutrition - **Lisa Mandell** - nutrition@mccpta.org

Safe Technology – **Lisa Cline/Dr. Assya Pascalev** - SafeTech@mccpta.org

School Climate & Safety - **Gillian Huebner** - ClimateAndSafety@mccpta.org

Membership and Engagement - Works with local leaders to grow the membership of PTAs to increase the power of our collective voice for the children of Montgomery County. Organizes workshops, outreach activities, and tailored mentoring in an effort to help each local grow membership and encourage engagement by all parents, staff, and, where applicable, students.

Carrie Palsson - Membership@mccpta.org

Vice Chair: Hung Trinh - Membership@mccpta.org

Multicultural Engagement - Focuses on developing strategies to increase the participation of multicultural parents and students in their school community. Plans activities for diverse ethnic groups at schools in order to improve their involvement and student performance through cultural and academic activities. Continue to act as a resource for school staff, as required.

Pablo Blank - Multicultural@mccpta.org

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LGBTQ – **Mark Eckstein** - LGBTQ@mccpta.org

Operating Budget - Supports the advocacy of MCCPTA-established priorities on operating budget issues, including representing MCCPTA at MCPS budget meetings. Priorities reflect input provided by PTA leadership from each area of the county as voiced during summer area meetings, as well as the collective input of the MCCPTA Board of Directors and MCCPTA Delegates.

Laura Mitchell - OperatingBudget@mccpta.org

Special Education - Acts as a resource & provides communication & information for the special education community including parents, caregivers & staff. Shares experiences in advocating for children to implement successful family-school partnerships.

Rachel Wantanabe - SpecialEd@mccpta.org

Vice Chair: Julie Reiley - SpecialEd@mccpta.org