**MCCPTA Committee Work Plan**

**Committee: Cultural Arts**

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**Vision**

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

**Goals**

**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 to present the annual Cultural Arts Showcases.**

**Action Steps**

**\*Workshops: the committee will participate in the MCCPTA fall training workshop to be held on Saturday, September 14th, 2019 and participate in the MCCPTA spring training for 2020 if requested. The committee will provide information on procedural guidelines for choosing and scheduling performances; contracting performing artists; grant opportunities for performances, workshops and residencies; how to join the PtArts e-list; and the Cultural Arts Showcases. Seda Gelenian, who is the chair of the Superintendent’s Committee for Performances in MCPS , and the coordinator of the Cultural Arts Showcases, will be invited to participate.**

**\* Showcases: the committee will assist the Superintendent’s Committee for Performances in MCPS by staffing the registration desk at the Cultural Arts Showcases on October 2nd & 3rd (9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.), and October 7th (6-9 p.m.)**

**PLEASE NOTE: exact times will be determined after performers have signed up to showcase and will be announced on the PTArts e-list, and to the MCCPTA Board and Delegates, closer to those dates.**

**\*E-list: the committee will continue to promote the PTArts E-list (****PTArts@yahoogroups.com****), introduced in 2001 as a means by which Montgomery County PTA Cultural Arts chairpersons can share information about their programming with each other online. The E-list will continue to disseminate information regarding the Showcases, cultural arts workshops, grant deadlines, and other artistic information. Efforts will be made to increase the membership by having signup information available at the MCCPTA fall training and at all Showcases. The committee chair serves as Moderator of the PTArts E-list.**

**\*Budget Survey: the committee 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’ PTAs are allotting for cultural arts expenses, to assist them in advocating for their own school’s budget.**

**Expenses: none requested.**