

From: Sunil Dasgupta, Chair, Health and Safety Committee
To: MCCPTA Board of Directors
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This report is divided into parts. The first addresses Health & Safety (H&S) Committee as a whole. This is followed by subcommittee reports.

H&S Committee

Our last meeting with OSFSE was April 27, which was reported in the May report. We expect to have one meeting after schools close. No date yet. Significant progress in subcommittee work.

Health and Safety Listserv: 124 Members

MoCo Mental Health and Wellness Facebook Group: 122 members

Upcoming participation in Rockville Pride event on June 16, 2018.

School Nutrition

DFNS Director Ms. McCarron announced some planned changes to the MCPS Board of Education on May 21, 2018. Changes include: Reducing pizza to a once a week offering in elementary schools (from twice a week), increasing entree salads to a once a week offering in elementary schools (from once a month), moving to reduce sugar in chocolate milk and breakfast offerings, piloting of new entrees, fruit, vegetables and sides, and expanding vegan, vegetarian and salad options. The committee will share this info on the delegates and health and safety list serves. And the committee plans to follow up with Ms. McCarron to schedule a meeting as well as to thank her for addressing some of the concerns expressed by the committee and MCPS parents in general. In addition, Lisa Mandell represented MCCPTA at the MCPS wellness committee meeting on May 17, 2018. At that meeting, attendees gave feedback on and input for a new MCPS wellness website that is currently in production.

Safe Technology

- May 14 Monthly Meeting with CTO P. Cevenini and Deputy M. McGoldrick
- May 16 Presentation on Wait Until Eighth at North Chevy Chase ES
- Drafted and Presented Sexting Fact Sheet to J. Bryce and D. Turner
- Creating a Position Paper on Technology's Role in New Curriculum
- June 4 Meeting with MCPS General Counsel J. Civin, CTO P. Cevenini, M. McGoldrick and K. Cruz

School Climate and Safety

- Provided a statement at the [Federal Commission on School Safety](#), June 6th and facilitate participation of MCPS youth leaders
- Facilitated launch of the [Communities United Against Hate \(CUAH\)](#) Youth Engagement and Leadership Project (YELP) on June 10th

- Worked with Mark Eckstein Bernardo to lead on LGBTQ issues within our sub-committee moving forward
- Worked to facilitate communication between a Winston Churchill HS parent and MCPS central office on child protection concerns.
- Circulated MCPS [student survey on school safety](#) and provided comments to [Local DVM news](#).
- Working on a fact sheets/resource guide on child sexual abuse to MCPS families
- Working on a survey on school climate & safety priorities for 2018-2019 to guide our work next year
- Partnership meetings between the MCCPTA Health and Safety Committee and the MCPS Office of Student and Family Support and Engagement take place once per month. For information on these meetings and the work of the Committee and Sub-Committees, please join the Health and Safety listserv by emailing MCCPTA-health-and-safety-new-subscribe@yahoogroups.com