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Committee Year End Evaluation Form

School Year: 2016-2017

Committee Name: Operating Budget

Committee Members: Neal Orringer, Paul Gellar, Melissa McKenna

Date of this Report: 5/30/2017

Financial: Final Expenditures 0 Final Income 0

Did the activity implement at least one of the PTA Purposes?

Through this Committee, we monitored the MCPS budgeting process and kept MCCPTA members informed. In the end, the County Council did adopt an operating budget that continued increased funding above the State mandated Maintenance of Effort levels. Thus, the Committee apparently implemented the PTA purpose-- "To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth".

Did the activity meet the needs of the parents, students or community?

yes.

Was it interesting and/or helpful to the members? How?

It is unclear if this activity was interesting to members. We did not necessarily undertake an inclusive process for gathering MCCPTA priorities or communicating with members regularly.

Did it involve the greatest possible number of members?

no. However, at my urging, the then-President did invite CFO Nicola Diamond to address the MCCPTA membership about the budgeting process and provide some context for Cluster testimony.

Suggestions for next year; Ways to improve; What worked; what didn't work? Suggested dates for program/event.

The briefings with CFO Diamond were quite helpful. We need far more direct communication between MCPS staff and members. Further, we need to encourage more members to become engaged by holding events that allow regular contact, advocacy, and information-exchange between MCCPTA AVPs, CCs, delegates, PTA officers, and regular local PTA members and their elected legislators (as well as MCPS staff).

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