**2021-22 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**

Our goals for the 2021-2022 school year are different from in years past, due to the ongoing complications from the pandemic. Normally, the Cultural Arts Committee works closely with the Superintendent’s Committee for Performances in MCPS, to present the annual Cultural Arts Showcases. This year both the auditions for new performers (held by the Superintendent’s Committee) and the Showcases are “on hold”, as we wait to find out whether they can be scheduled. In the meantime, we will let schools know of any information regarding “virtual” performances.

In addition, we are working on a new initiative this year: finding ways to cultivate the talent and hard work of our many gifted students. Knowing all the work they put into preparing for a performance, we feel they should be able to share their talents with a wider audience (such as schools in addition to their own), and receive SSL hours for doing so. We hope to facilitate communication between schools about what types of performances might be available, and develop an online catalogue of student talent to promote opportunities for them.

**Action Steps**

We continue to urge schools to have a cultural arts representative join the MCCPTA Cultural Arts E-list. To join, go to:

**Cultural-arts+subscribe@mccpta.groups.io**

I am in discussion with Seda Gelenian, Chair of the Superintendent’s Committee for Performances in MCPS, about whether there will be Cultural Arts Showcases this year or not. I will post any information we learn about this to the Cultural Arts E-list, the MCCPTA Board of Directors, and Delegates. In the meantime, schools are encouraged to directly contact any of the performing artists they may be interested in hiring, to discuss their availability for performances, either “virtual” or in person, this school year. Artists and their contact information are listed in the 2019-20 MCPS Performing Arts Catalogue, which is unchanged for the current school year.

The MCPS Performing Arts Catalogue can be viewed online by going to:

<http://www.biglearning.org> Then click on “Cultural Arts Showcases”, where you can view both the catalogue and videos of some of the performers. The password to view the videos is: **culturalarts**

**Meeting Schedule**

None planned at this time

**Expenses**

None