



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA**  
**Thursday, February 2, 2017**  
**7:30 p.m., Carver Center Auditorium**

**Mission of PTA**

*To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families  
and communities to advocate for all children.*  
*Hacer una realidad el potencial de cada niño al comprometer y apoderar las familias  
y comunidades para que intercedan por todos los niños.*

Welcome

Affirmations!

Approval of Agenda

Approval/Review of Minutes

Old Business

New Business

Committee & Cluster Reports

Officer Reports

- President
- Vice President Education
- Vice President Administration
- Vice President Programs
- Treasurer

Announcements

Adjournment

**MCCPTA Board of Directors – DRAFT MINUTES**  
**January 4, 2017**  
**Carver Center Auditorium**

*Attending: President Paul Geller, VP Administration Steve Wilson, VP Programs Melissa McKenna, VP Education Jen McDonald, Treasurer Lisa Betts, acting secretary Tracie Potts and board members.*

Paul Geller opened the meeting at 7:42pm and introduced guests.

**Sherwin Collette, MCPS Chief Technology Officer**

Reviewed Technology Plan Goal and Strategies. Discussed social media influence, increased reliance on and equitable access to digital material, partnership funding, student access to devices, connectivity, integration during the instructional day, hardware sustainability and teacher training/buy-in. Goal: 75% reduction in printed materials (not there yet). The Office of Shared Accountability is studying ES technology use. Always consider what *learning* technology use supports. Discussion included expanding ES digital literacy, coding, student privacy protection, real-time Edline reporting, and remote AP classes. Mr. Collette distributed and discussed the personal mobile devices policy under revision. The goal is enabling students to use personal devices in school for learning. The aim is not to restrict approved ES cell phones

**Nicky Diamond, MCPS Chief Financial Officer**

Diamond calls the Superintendent's Recommended Operating Budget is a "strategic plan in numbers," based on excellence for all by maintaining, continuing and improving outcomes and opportunities for students who not properly served. The budget summary, including Strategic Priorities, were shared and discussed. One percent of the requested \$62 million increase pays for growth. Diamond said MCPS recognizes that last year's large increase will not happen again so funds must be used wisely.

The Strategic Planning department (now in the Superintendent's office) is primarily responsible for tracking effectiveness, outcome and impact. This budget established baseline data, the initial stage of a long-term view of how the budget aligns with priorities.

- Instructional Data Assistants: (ES/ MS) All positions eliminated because new assessments and data systems such as "Performance Matters" electronically enter and analyze data. No manual entry is needed. By July 1/3 of schools will have this system. MCPS spent 2 years studying how to evolve this position, which no other area school systems have. This reduction saves \$7 million. Every effort will be made to retain individuals in other positions.
- Reading Initiative: 35 positions cut, 55 added, allocated based on student data. At some schools the position was not being used for this purpose. How this affects individual schools won't be known until program data is reviewed and allocations are made. Every effort will be made to retain individuals in other positions at the same or different schools.
- SAT/ACT fees: Members questioned whether paying fees for every student without determining financial need is the best use of funds. The Superintendent believes it sends a message about the importance of the test. She'll share this feedback with the Superintendent.

Discussion included better articulating how the budget addresses underserved students, schools and clusters.

**New Business**

- In the interest of time, written Officer and Committee Reports were noted.
- Per bylaws, BOD members present approved the Executive Committee's appointment of Tracie Potts to fill the BOD Secretary vacancy.
- VP Programs Melissa McKenna urged members to check today's email on the final lineup for Jan 5 & 11 Operating Budget hearings. County Council hearings likely April 4-6. See fliers for budget forums.
- Paul noted the GT Choice resolution is provided (no quorum present to vote tonight).

The meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.

## OFFICER REPORTS

### Chief Cook and Bottlewasher's Report

Aloha!

I hope you had a good January. Have been busier than ever with advocacy, outreach and office work. Especially the office work. :-)

Was writing the following as a winter break note, however my family had some unexpected losses and I just did not have my heart into it. Hope you will find this note, although belated, still as relevant as ever...

Was reading an interesting article in The New York Times about genetics a few weeks ago and came across this pearl of a quote, "We should exalt the outliers among us. But all too often we treat them shabbily." I think all of us can relate to that sentiment at one time or another in our lives.

My life has been enriched by befriending many such "outliers among us." My best friends growing up all fit that description as do many of my friends today. All are unique individuals which makes each and every one of them special to me. And that is why I am grateful to you. Yes, you!!!

If everyone were the same, the world would be a bland place. No new foods to try, no interesting places to visit, all the cars would look the same...uh...skip that last one since it actually seems to be the case these days. You know what I mean. Variety is the spice of life.

One of the best parts of this gig is getting to meet and talk with awesome PTA folks countywide. I literally bump into folks everywhere, enjoy talking to them and listening to why they volunteer in PTA. Some do it because no one else stepped up. Others do it because they love volunteering and community engagement. Your reasons are as unique as you are. And that is why I love working with you and all 49,999 of our other members. You each have a story, a passion and desire to share your dedication with others.

That is the spirit that makes PTA great. And, dare I say it, that is the spirit that makes this country great. And that is my challenge to you. Embrace our differences and move forward!

Over the past four and a half years of active involvement with MCCPTA I have seen incredible successes and some heartbreaking failures. The successes are many. Seeing colleagues who loathe public speaking swallow their fear and advocate for their schools. The record budget we advocated for and received from the County Council earlier this year. Seeing a school get what it needed because their supporters advocated the right way. Folks pitching in for training. And so much more. The failures invariably fall into one category – civility.

I keep hearing Rodney King's voice in my head saying, "Why can't we all just get along?" There is no answer to this rhetorical question. Yet I will attempt one – we need to work together for the sake of the kids.

Yes everyone, **PTA exists to benefit the kids.**

As one of the folks who probably puts about 60 to 80 hours plus a week into PTA (as do others) for several years now, who has advocated in every venue imaginable and has a proven track record of making things happen, I am aware of those who help us get things done. Decision makers say to me all too frequently, you get it. That is why I was approached by elected officials to start the ball rolling on securing funding last year for our Operating Budget. Rhetoric alone will not make things happen...it takes a good faith effort. This is about human relations, pure and simple.

Today I'm making a personal appeal to everyone in the MCCPTA family. Show civility toward one another. Expect that everyone else's intentions are good and if you happen to disagree with someone, maybe they simply have a different way in which to get the job done. Expect the best from everyone. And no this is not some sort of idealism borne out of watching Sesame Street as a child. It is about practicality. We are stronger as a group than we are as individuals.

Over the next several weeks you are going to be hearing from me about a big mission – to secure funding statewide for our school construction projects. This funding is beyond overdue from our state officials in Annapolis and they must do better for all the children of Maryland. As someone who has testified many times in Annapolis over the last few years, I am disappointed by the blasé response we receive from a few of our elected officials to our requests for help. This needs to change. And it can, with your help.

We need to go full bore after casino gambling revenue from table games! The current split of 80% for the casinos and a mere 20% for the Education Trust Fund is wholly unacceptable. It should be a solid 50/50 split...roughly similar to that of the video slot machines we were told would yield such great benefits for our schools. We also need to go after more GCEI (Geographic Cost of Education Index) funding. And, to be candid, ANY FUNDING, from Annapolis for our schools. And we will succeed.

The last year has been incredible. After being a key participant in several successes, we went **BIG** and pursued the \$100,000,000 over Maintenance of Effort. Everyone won! \$87,000,000 more each year from now on is going into our schools. 600+ new teachers were hired. Lives were changed for the better along with our schools. This was vital to our children's success.

Look, I would be feigning naïveté if I told you I didn't take this awesome job without knowing the heat would be on every now and then. I like the heat! That said, sometimes the light of truth needs to shine.

For the past several months, I have been working mightily to strengthen MCCPTA. When I took the helm, and completely unknown to me, we were facing a \$22,500 deficit from our Presidents and Principals Dinner alone. This was something only a couple of people were aware of. And, since we were without a Treasurer for the better part of two years, no one was there to tell us of this urgent problem. Now we are trying to fix it. The best and easiest way has been to forgo the hiring of an Office Manager. Lisa Betts, our Treasurer, and myself have been pinch hitting in this role. And our former Office Manager stayed on for a while to help as well.

The biggest challenge we have faced lacking an Office Manager has been with the directory or Blue Book. It needed plenty of attention. Over the last two months I have spent dozens of hours updating and correcting this guide. Many MCPS and telephone numbers were duplicated, a deceased Principal was still listed, and other items needed updating and formatting. In the end, it will be a great Blue Book. In short, we are burning the midnight oil. We are all volunteers. I certainly have the best of intentions to do everything I can, as a full-time volunteer, to further our PTA goals. Perfect? Nope. Well intentioned? Absolutely.

Finally, I want to thank you for your service. As a member of the Board of Directors you take on a responsibility that is, in many ways, over and above the call of your typical volunteer work. Much of what you do may not directly and immediately benefit your biological child(ren) or school. That said, if you do your job right, work together with your colleagues, the folks at MCPS and beyond, your efforts will bear tremendous fruit. And that is the goal: to work together for the betterment of our students and schools.

Thank you for your time and sharing your talent with us all.

MCCPTA-ly yours,

Paul

## Vice President of Educational Issues Officer Monthly Report January 2017

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### *January Activities*

- January ExComm and Board of Directors meeting, January 4
- Operating Budget Hearing, January 5
- Curriculum Committee Meeting w/ Dr. Lang, January 30

### *Upcoming Activities*

- February ExComm and Board of Directors meeting, February 2
- County Council CIP Hearing, February 7
- Education Budget Meeting with Councilmember Rice, Dr. Smith, Dr. Pollard, NWHS, February 15
- Delegates Assembly, February 27
- Joint MCPS/MCCPTA Science Night, March 20, 7-9pm, RMHS (Snow Date: March 22)

### *Recent and Ongoing Issues*

#### *RQAs*

The Required Quarterly Assessments, the revised grading system rolled out this year that replaces cumulative final exams, should *come home* for parents to see. As you know from never getting to see your child's exams for pretty much an entire generation of students, this is a complete shift in methodology...and one that parents welcome. Unlike final exams, RQAs allow feedback *during the course of instruction* instead of after instruction has ended, and allows parents to facilitate communication with the teacher with regard to their child's specific weak spots. If your child does not bring home his or her RQAs feel free to (a) raid your child's backpack or (b) contact your child's school. The relatively quick shift in test programs has left an information gap between what schools should be doing and what parents should expect.

Here is the MCPS link to the Frequently Asked Questions regarding the new grading policy:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/assessment-strategy/faq.aspx>

Next on the testing horizon is a shift from the classic 'bubbling in' of test answers to testing that includes essays and other test methods. This shift is meant to better evaluate our students; plus who doesn't love fudging it with essay questions? At least you can get partial credit. Will keep you informed as progress unfolds.

#### *Special Ed Advocacy*

Our Special Ed. Chair Jeanne Taylor is actively advocating for support for House Bill 174 with a letter to Eric Luedtke and members of the House Ways & Means Committee. This bill requires written parent/guardian consent prior to changes being made to a student's Individual Education Program. If this issue is important to you please contact Jeanne and write a quick note of your own in support of this House Bill. If you know someone with a Special Ed child, maybe one too young to even be in school yet; please encourage them to contact Jeanne and write in as well. Encourage them to advocate *now* for the *future*.

## **MCCPTA Vice President for Administration Officer Report (Jan 2017)**

Submitted By: Stephen Wilson

During the months of December 2016/January 2017, I worked on and participated in the following:

1. MCCPTA Nominating Committee - We are currently looking to seat a new Nominating Committee to recommend candidates to fill both current vacancies and recommend a slate of candidates for next year. This is an extremely important task that truly has impact on the future course of MCCPTA. Emails have been sent to Area Vice Presidents (AVPs) who should be actively looking for Nominating Committee candidates from within their areas. We need a total of seven Nominating Committee members representing every MCCPTA area. Interested individuals should contact their respective AVP as soon as possible.

a. Continuing to work on filling the Nominating Committee for this year. Currently, six members from 5 MCCPTA Areas (including an At-Large member) have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. As of this date, we need one additional member from the Damascus/Gaithersburg/Magruder/Watkins Mill Area to complete the committee. The current individuals who have agreed to serve on the nominating Committee are:

<b>MCCPTA Area</b>	<b>Proposed Nominating Committee Member</b>
BCC/WJ/Whitman	Jennifer Cope
Damascus/Gaithersburg/Magruder/WM	<b>VACANT</b>
Clarksburg/Northwest/QO/SV	Likan Liang
DCC	Chris Rutledge
Churchill/Poolesville/Rockville/Wootton	Adam Lee
NEC/Sherwood	JoAnn Burl
At-Large Member	Kellie Schoolar-Reynolds

2. Standards of Continuing Affiliation (SOCA) - Maryland PTA plans to send out the next SOCA report covering December 2016 on 20 January 2017. I will promulgate this information to respective Cluster Coordinators and Area Vice Presidents shortly thereafter.

3. MCCPTA Board of Directors and Executive Committee Meetings – I attended the MCCPTA Board of Directors and Executive Committee Meetings on 4 January 2017 at the Carver Educational Services Center (CESC).

4. Testimony to the Board of Education (BOE) on the Operating Budget – Attended the MCCPTA Operating Budget testimony to the BOE on 5 January 2017 at the CESC.

5. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Dr. Martin Luther King Day, Jr. Memorial Breakfast – Attended the “Alpha” MLK breakfast at the Marriott Bethesda Hotel and Conference Center on 16 January 2017.

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**Treasurer’s Report, February 2017; Lisa Betts:** [treasurer@mccpta.org](mailto:treasurer@mccpta.org)

The January financials are attached. Income reported at \$4,567 (membership dues) and expenses reported at \$7,215.11

Throughout the month of January, I have continued to work with individual units on their SOCA requirements, mainly in the areas of financial audits, sales tax and usage reporting and preparation for business personal property returns.

With regard to business personal property returns, there has been some confusion with regard to the “pink” postcards mailed out by the MD Department of Assessments & Taxation to all units. This is a “final notice” to the units that the State is no longer mailing out hardcopy pre-printed forms as they did in the past. Units can download the forms, file electronically and sign-up for reminder emails at [www.dat.maryland.gov/businesspp](http://www.dat.maryland.gov/businesspp)

Thank you.

MCCPTA Financial Report for period ending January 31, 2017					
		2015-2016	2016-2017	2016-2017	
	January	Actual YTD	Actual YTD	Budget	Balance
Prior Year Carryover (BOY Bank Balance)		38,160.14	21,158.56	21,158.56	21,158.35
Prior Year Activities		(9,474.76)	(9,283.79)	(9,283.79)	(9,283.79)
Remaining Prior Year Carryover		28,685.38	11,874.77	12,121.56	11,874.56
<b>Income</b>					
MCCPTA Activities	0.00	437.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership Dues	4,567.00	46,108.00	34,030.00	50,000.00	15,970.00
Prior Year Membership Dues	0.00	937.00	988.00	988.00	0.00
Other Income	0.00	33.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pres/Princ Dinner Tickets	0.00	17,582.05	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Prior Year Dinner Income	0.00	0.00	942.27	771.27	(171.00)
Sponsorships	0.00	7,900.00	3,149.87	11,000.00	7,850.13
<b>Total Income (Current Year)</b>	<b>4,567.00</b>	<b>72,998.00</b>	<b>39,110.14</b>	<b>68,759.27</b>	<b>29,649.13</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>4,567.00</b>	<b>101,683.38</b>	<b>50,984.91</b>	<b>80,880.83</b>	<b>41,523.69</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
ICB	1,117.00	1,538.50	1,313.13	1,500.00	186.87
<b>Committees</b>					
Advocacy	82.40	266.20	82.40	4,000.00	3,917.60
Areas/Clusters	0.00	48.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
Awards & Honors	0.00	421.20	0.00	650.00	650.00
Capital Improvement Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
Cultural Arts Programs	1,160.00	760.00	1,160.00	1,500.00	340.00
Curriculum	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Gifted Child	0.00	45.96	0.00	150.00	150.00
Health & Safety	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
MCCPTA Presents	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Membership	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
Multi-Cultural Awareness	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
Reflections	0.00	1,459.98	0.00	1,900.00	1,900.00
Special Needs	0.00	96.01	0.00	400.00	400.00
<b>Total Committees</b>	<b>1,242.40</b>	<b>3,097.35</b>	<b>1,242.40</b>	<b>10,900.00</b>	<b>9,657.60</b>
<b>General &amp; Administrative</b>					
Audit	0.00	2,650.00	950.00	2,000.00	1,050.00
Bank Service Charges	0.00	500.00	12.00	250.00	238.00
Bluebook Directory	3,061.28	3,061.28	3,061.28	3,100.00	38.72
Equipment Lease	112.00	3,159.39	1,599.87	4,000.00	2,400.13
Fees, Fines & Penalties	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hospitality	0.00	50.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Insurance	0.00	720.00	674.00	720.00	46.00
Marketing Materials	0.00	120.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Office Supplies	0.00	705.31	811.19	1,100.00	288.81
Office/General Admin Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
Postage & Delivery	0.00	70.93	10.76	150.00	139.24



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		<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	
	<b>January</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Software Expense	0.00	170.87	0.00	200.00	200.00
Telephone	326.93	3,550.12	1,935.06	3,600.00	1,664.94
Web Hosting and Elec Comm.	0.00	881.76	256.04	1,000.00	743.96
<b>Total General &amp; Administrative</b>	<b>3,500.21</b>	<b>15,639.66</b>	<b>9,310.20</b>	<b>18,020.00</b>	<b>8,709.80</b>
<b>Leadership Training</b>					
Emerging Minority Ldrs Conf	0.00	35.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
MCCPTA Training	0.00	1,964.35	958.01	5,000.00	4,041.99
MDPTA Convention	0.00	175.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
National PTA Convention	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Other Nat'l/Maryland PTA Events	0.00	75.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Total Leadership Training</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,249.35</b>	<b>958.01</b>	<b>6,300.00</b>	<b>5,341.99</b>
<b>MCPS Ed Foundation</b>					
Give BackPacks	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
<b>Total MCPS Ed Found</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>
<b>Organizational Advocacy</b>					
Committee for Montgomery, Inc.	0.00	750.00	750.00	800.00	50.00
MCBRE	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Membership to Other Orgs	0.00	630.00	650.00	1,000.00	350.00
MLK Breakfast	750.00	875.00	800.00	900.00	100.00
Representational Events	350.00	0.00	350.00	500.00	150.00
<b>Total Organizational Advocacy</b>	<b>1,100.00</b>	<b>2,255.00</b>	<b>2,550.00</b>	<b>4,200.00</b>	<b>1,650.00</b>
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>					
Payroll (Incl.Taxes)	0.00	19,020.84	3,741.00	24,000.00	20,259.00
Payroll Service Expense	255.50	355.00	300.50	400.00	99.50
Prior year penalty	0.00	(45.20)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prior year tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>255.50</b>	<b>19,330.64</b>	<b>4,041.50</b>	<b>24,400.00</b>	<b>20,358.50</b>
<b>Programs/Projects Expense</b>					
President/Principal Dinner	0.00	34,914.32	0.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
<b>Total Programs/Projects Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>34,914.32</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>14,000.00</b>	<b>14,000.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>7,215.11</b>	<b>80,524.82</b>	<b>19,415.24</b>	<b>80,820.00</b>	<b>61,404.76</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>(2,648.11)</b>	<b>(7,526.82)</b>	<b>19,694.90</b>	<b>(12,060.73)</b>	<b>(31,755.63)</b>
<b>Total Income (Carryover to 2017-18)</b>		<b>21,158.56</b>	<b>31,569.67</b>	<b>60.83</b>	<b>(19,881.07)</b>



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### MCCPTA CIP Committee Report covering December 2016 and January 2017

January 24, 2017

Melissa McKenna, chair

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#### Completed work

- Subdivision Staging Policy (SSP) wrapped up in November. Whew! Best outcome individual schools test for capacity at elementary level for residential building moratorium and increase of impact tax to 120%. Many, many thank to Liz King and all the Next Steps Reps for their tireless work!
- CIP: The Board of Ed took action on November 21, 2016 and the County Executive sent his recommended FY18 Capital Budget and amendments to FY17-22 CIP on January 15, 2017.

#### Meetings Attended (other than MCCPTA Mtgs)

12/7 Executive Committee meeting with Dr. Smith

12/7 State Delegation local bill hearing

12/10 MCEA retreat – co-presenter of advocacy session with Paul Geller and Oscar Alvarenga

12/13 Dr. Smith's Operating Budget presentation at Gaithersburg High School

12/15 Committee for Montgomery Breakfast

1/5 and 1/11 Board of Ed Operating Budget hearings –testified 1/11 on behalf of Rockville Cluster

1/11 Annapolis Summit/Rob Steiner Radio show taping in Annapolis first day of General Assembly

1/11 MSEA Legislative Reception in Annapolis

1/16 Alpha Phi Alpha MLK breakfast

1/17 and 1/19 Board of Ed Operating Budget worksessions

1/18 County Executive's Budget Forum

#### Upcoming Dates

2/7/17 at 7 pm CIP testimony before the County Council

#### **Third Annual Education Budget Meetings**

Councilmember Rice, MCPS Superintendent Dr. Smith, and Montgomery College President Dr. Pollard will be answering questions such as:

- How are budget decisions made?
- What is the county doing today to get ready for FY18 and beyond
- What opportunities do residents have to influence budget decisions?

#### **All meetings will be from 6:30-8:30pm**

February 15, Northwest High School

March 8, Montgomery Blair High School

March 15, Montgomery College (Takoma Park/Silver Spring)-Catherine F. Scott Building, (CM Building) Room 211

March 22, Walter Johnson High School

March 29, Richard Montgomery High School

#### Boundary studies underway

- Richard Montgomery Elementary School #5
- Shady Grove Sector Plan
- Highland ES
- Unity Area

HS Capacity Work group (WJ/DCC/Bethesda/Whitman) meeting schedule to be announced shortly.

Reminder: FACT scores will be released in Feb/Mar.

## **MCCPTA COMMITTEE WORKPLAN 2016-2017**

**Committee:**MCCPTA Awards

**Chair:**Daria Daniel

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### **Committee Members: TBD**

The awards committee is charged with recognizing exceptional service by members of PT(S)As in Montgomery County with awards that will be presented at the annual MCCPTA's Presidents and Principals Dinner. To complete this task, the committee will:

- Recruit committee members by January 2017 (minimum of 3)
- The committee will meet in January 2017 or early February 2017
  - Finalize awards to offer for the 2016-2017 year
  - Develop award criteria for those awards
  - Create strategies for soliciting nominations
- Solicit and follow-up on nominations as necessary
- Review nominations and select award winners by end of March 2017
- Notify the award winners by end of March 2017
- Request photographs and bios for program – edit bios as necessary
  - Photos and bios should be submitted and edited by mid-April 2017
- Maintain secrecy of award winners until the dinner
- Submit lifetime achievement winner names to MDPTA and National PTA by April 1, 2017
- Purchase trophies for all award winners except MDPTA and National PTA achievement awards.
  - Approximately \$55 per trophy – from Crown Trophy
  - Obtain pins for lifetime achievement awards
  - Donate \$500 to the PTA of the President of the Year (funded via sponsorship)
- Provide all award winners two complimentary tickets to the dinner and a corsage/boutonniere to wear that evening
- Budget of \$700.00 which includes cost of MDPTA and National PTA Lifetime Achievement Awards
- MCCPTA awards are given for the following:
  - PTA President of the Year (funded via sponsorship)
  - Maryland PTA Lifetime Achievement Award
  - National PTA Life Achievement Award
  - Partners for Education Award
  - Principal of the Year (funded via sponsorship)
  - Advocacy Award

The Awards Committee will also represent MCCPTA on community award selections, for example the Champions for Children Award.

## MCCPTA Special Education Committee Report Dec 2016-Jan 2017

**To: Exec Committee**

**From: Jeanne Taylor, [frtjmt@aol.com](mailto:frtjmt@aol.com)**

Activities:

\*Held meeting on Thursday, December 8 - hosted various special education advocacy groups, representatives presented information about their organizations.

\*Next meeting will be held on Monday, Feb 6, 2017, at 6:30 pm.

\*Continue to work with Audit Accountability team – finalizing an end of year survey for parents and guardians.

\*Worked with other advocates who are concerned about the reduction to the number of classroom hours in the Pre-school Education Program, Intensive Needs Class. The proposed FY2018 Operating Budget reduces daily class time from 3 hours a day to 2.5. The issue really comes down to the union contracts, not what is necessarily best for the young students who are highly impacted by their disabilities. Early intervention is key to their future success in and out of the classroom. Submitted written testimony to the BOE about these concerns.

\*Also submitted written testimony to the MD General Assembly, House of Delegates, in support of HB174, with AMENDMENTS. The proposed legislation falls under Education - Children with Disabilities - Individualized Education Program Process - Parental Consent. The proposed legislation requires that an IEP team obtain written consent from a parent of a child with a disability if the team proposes specified actions like a change from a non-diploma track or when adding restraint and seclusion to the IEP. *An amendment is needed that includes language for a change in placement*, or any reduction in hours-based services that would result in a loss of 50% or more (including elimination) of that service as compared to the previous year's IEP. An amendment is in the works for the italicized piece but not for the reduction in the number of service hours.

\*Secured Rockville High School for the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual MCCPTA Special Education Committee Recognition Ceremony on the evening of Monday, May 8, 2017. Put out a call for nominations on the various e-lists, also posted to MCPS Bulletin. Waiting for response from MCPS Quicknotes staff about posting there.

\*Continue to help families navigate issues with the school system.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Taylor,  
MCCPTA Special Education Committee Chair

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT – January 2017** Tracie Potts, chair ([traciepotts1@verizon.net](mailto:traciepotts1@verizon.net))

- **31,502 members as of Jan 24**
- 68 PTAs have reported no members (*please encourage your school to send \$1/member MCCPTA dues*)
- Dec winner: Walter Johnson HS PTSA, reporting 98 staff & 356 student members!
- Jan winner: Northwest HS PTSA with 573% growth, from 30 members last year to 202 this year! PTAs with 100%+ growth get gift cards. All PTAs with growth over last year get certificates. All awards mailed to school.

**Delegates, Presidents & Cluster Coordinators: please urge your schools' membership chair/treasurer to pay \$1/member. MCCPTA dues ASAP.** They are due monthly, *separate* from MDPTA dues. Invoice available at MCCPTA.org.



## MCCPTA Membership Challenge Winners!

December – Most Student/Staff Members  
Walter Johnson HS PTSA

January Mid-Year Highest Percentage Growth Award  
Northwest HS PTSA

*Congratulations to all PTAs/PTSAs with membership growth so far this year!  
Incentives and certificates will be sent via PONY to your school.*

**100%+ Growth**

Arcola ES  
Hallie Wells MS  
Jones Lane ES  
Little Bennett ES  
Monocacy ES

**Exceeds Last Year's Total**

Bannockburn ES  
Bel Pre/Strathmore ES  
Blake HS  
Cedar Grove ES  
Fallsmead ES  
Flora Singer ES  
Flower Valley ES  
Gaithersburg MS  
Georgian Forest ES  
Julius West MS  
Lakewood ES  
Montgomery Knolls/Pinecrest ES  
Poolesville ES  
Potomac ES  
Ridgeview MS  
Seven Locks ES  
Shady Grove MS  
Summit Hall ES  
Tacoma Park ES  
Twinbrook ES  
Walt Whitman HS  
Walter Johnson HS  
Wood Acres ES  
Woodson ES  
Wyngate ES

**50%+ Growth**

Dr. Charles Drew ES  
Fairland ES  
Forest Knolls ES  
Lee MS  
Neelsville MS  
Sherwood HS  
Sligo Creek ES  
Tilden MS  
Wheaton Woods MS  
White Oak MS

**25%+ Growth**

Cabin John MS  
Flower Hill ES  
Glen Haven ES  
Kemp Mill ES  
Loiederman MS  
Meadow Hall ES  
Quince Orchard HS  
Sargent Shriver ES  
Somerset ES  
Strawberry Knoll ES

## **Gifted Child Committee Report**

**Jan 2017**

Chair           Lang Lin ([pta.langlin@gmail.com](mailto:pta.langlin@gmail.com))  
Vice-Chair   Kim Testa ([kgtesta@aol.com](mailto:kgtesta@aol.com))  
                  Iris Masucci ([ri@robertandiris.com](mailto:ri@robertandiris.com))

### **EVENTS:**

1/4 Lang attended MCCPTA Board of Director meeting.

1/23 Lang attended Wootton PTSA cluster meeting. He gave a talk on the Choice Study and its response plan.

Participants are local school PTA presidents, cluster reps, and principals, including Wootton PTSA president, Lakewood PTA president, Cabin John Middle School principal, etc.

1/25 Kim and Lang attended MCPS AEI Feedback Council Meeting.

1/30 Kim attended Curriculum Committee meeting with Office of Curriculum and Instruction Programs.

1/31 Kim and Lang participated in the Curriculum Advisory Assembly of MCPS Office of Curriculum and Instruction Programs. The topic is Media Arts standard and the host speaker is Mrs. Linda Adams, Supervisor of Pre-K-12 Fine Arts.

### **ADVOCACY:**

#### **MCCPTA resolution in Support of the Provisions on Talent Development, Universal Screening, and CPHG/Magnet Program Expansion in the Choice Study Response Plan**

Our school system is in need for our support. Many teachers and administrators have profound interests in improving the education quality. These provisions in Choice Study response plan is a positive step on the right direction. However, it is expected that there will be challenges in the detail and during the execution. It is foreseeable that parent awareness, involvement, and support will be a crucial factor of the plan's success.

#### **GT Liaison in Every PTA**

Each PTA is strongly encouraged to identify a volunteer to serve as its GT Liaison for the 2016-2017 school year. The GT Liaison plays a vital role in advocating for the needs of highly able learners by providing a critical link among the school community, the MCCPTA GCC, and MCPS. Once a PTA has identified a GT Liaison for this year, please email that person's name, school, and contact information to Iris Masucci, Vice Chair of the MCCPTA Gifted Child Committee, at [ri@robertandiris.com](mailto:ri@robertandiris.com).

#### **Math 7 and Math8**

11 middle schools will not be offering Math 7 (and possibly Math 8) at all next year, in favor of putting all students in the compacted IM class followed by Algebra I without regard to assessment data from Math 6. We are hearing several parent concerns if these courses will not be offered to those students who are not ready for the compacted IM math class.

#### **Math 4/5 and 5/6**

This year, Math 4/5 is offered in home elementary schools and highly gifted centers, but not at the middle schools. Math 5/6 will be offered in home elementary schools, highly gifted centers, and middle schools this year.

The identification system will no longer be run out of Carver/AEI but will be "opened up" for local school decisions.

Delivery method will be up to the principal. Delivery by way of differentiated instruction in an on-grade-level classroom will be allowed and, presumably, will not be discouraged. We are aware of one example of that going on right now, at College Gardens ES.

Kindergarten through third grade math is being reevaluated to see if it is too slow, and whether there are better ways to identify and prepare more students for math 4/5/6.

#### **Advanced English in Middle Schools**

An update meeting was held between OCIP (Office of Curriculum & Instructional Programs) and OSSI (Office of School Support & Improvement) to learn more about the current state of Advanced English as it relates to the MCPS system expectations. A collaborative meeting has been scheduled to review school strengths and needs and work together toward next steps. Parent-identified schools with differentiation skills needs will be shared with OSSI.

Middle schools were asked to complete an action template which responds to the school's action steps in the following areas: communication, school structures, professional learning and instructional delivery. From here, there are supposed to be ongoing conversations, support, and monitoring from the directors in their ongoing work with principals and schools.

AEI and OCIP will be working with OSSI to hear about their findings and see where support is needed.

## **MCCPTA Resolution in Support of the Provisions on Talent Development, Universal Screening, and CPHG/Magnet Program Expansion in the Choice Study Response Plan**

Whereas enrichment and acceleration is a component of the MCPS Curriculum 2.0 with both strategies and programs;

Whereas in the Choice Study response plan, there is a talent development provision including Student Instructional Program Planning and Implementation (SIPPI) process for identifying and documenting the skills necessary for success in accelerated and enriched instruction<sup>1</sup>;

Whereas a large number of students in MCPS are identified as gifted and talented (GT) students at the intermediate elementary level<sup>2</sup>;

Whereas information and communications about academically selective programs (ASPs) are not available to all segments of the community equally<sup>3</sup>;

Whereas increasing applicant pool from underrepresented groups to academically selective programs is necessary<sup>4</sup>;

Whereas a small fraction of all GT students are admitted into academically selective programs and a much larger fraction of qualified GT students are not admitted into academically selective programs due to the limited number of seats;<sup>5</sup>;

Whereas there is a lack of tracking information on GT students, regardless of whether in academically selective programs or not<sup>6</sup>;

Whereas in the Choice Study response plan, there is a targeted talent development provisioning in Title One schools including but not limited to Extended Learning Opportunities – Summer Title I Enrichment Program (ELO STEP), Enriched and Accelerated Professional Learning Community (PLC), Primary Talent Coach staffing position; Enriched Extended Day for all Title 1 schools<sup>7</sup>,

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<sup>1</sup> Talent Development paragraph on page 3 in Superintendent Memorandum published on 10/10/2016:

[http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/mcpsmd/Board.nsf/files/AEDPTL662E28/\\$file/Choice%20Study%20Update.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/mcpsmd/Board.nsf/files/AEDPTL662E28/$file/Choice%20Study%20Update.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Key Finding 7 on page ix in MCPS: Study of Choice and Special Academic Programs

[http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/mcpsmd/Board.nsf/files/A7TMN957C311/\\$file/Rpt%20External%20Review%20Choice%20Study%20Report.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/mcpsmd/Board.nsf/files/A7TMN957C311/$file/Rpt%20External%20Review%20Choice%20Study%20Report.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> Key Finding 2 on page v in MCPS: Study of Choice and Special Academic Programs

<sup>4</sup> Recommendation 3b on page vi in MCPS: Study of Choice and Special Academic Programs

<sup>5</sup> Key Finding 7 on page ix in MCPS: Study of Choice and Special Academic Programs

<sup>6</sup> Key Finding 8 on page x in MCPS: Study of Choice and Special Academic Programs

<sup>7</sup> Talent Development paragraph on page 3-5 in Superintendent Memorandum published on 10/10/2016 and MCPS presentation entitled “Talent Development and the Center Programs for the Highly Gifted”



Whereas in the Choice Study response plan, there is a provision to remove a parent application process which offloads burden of parental advocacy and, lets the school system to track students' progress and to invite students to ASP application process<sup>8</sup>;

Whereas in the Choice Study response plan, two new home school center programs will be in pilot in Stonegate ES and Spark Matsunaga ES<sup>9</sup>;

Whereas in the Choice Study response plan, further center program expansion pilot is planned upon the success of the two center programs<sup>10</sup>; and

Whereas in the Choice Study response plan, further ASP expansions are scoped<sup>11</sup>; now, therefore, be it Resolved, that Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Association (MCCPTA):

1. Encourages all local PTAs to inform parents about the Choice Study response plan provisions on talent development, universal screening, and program expansion;
2. Encourages all local PTAs and parents to express their support on the Choice Study response plan provisions on talent development, universal screening, and program expansion;
3. Encourages all local PTAs to set up a GT Liaison position to assist parents and to channel information among PTAs and the school system.

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<sup>8</sup> Page 5-7 in Superintendent Memorandum published on 10/10/2016

<sup>9</sup> Page 7 in Superintendent Memorandum published on 10/10/2016

<sup>10</sup> Page 7 in Superintendent Memorandum published on 10/10/2016

<sup>11</sup> Attachment in Superintendent Memorandum published on 09/26/2016

[http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/mcpsmd/Board.nsf/files/AE3SXS74DB97/\\$file/Choice%20Study%20Update.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/mcpsmd/Board.nsf/files/AE3SXS74DB97/$file/Choice%20Study%20Update.pdf)

January 20, 2017

Dear PTA Member,

In 2017, Maryland PTA will celebrate 102 years of advocacy on behalf of children in Maryland. As the largest advocacy organization in Maryland, with 170,000 members across the state, we hope to work closely with all Senators and Delegates during the 2017 legislative session to benefit children and their educational needs.

**On behalf of Maryland PTA, I invite you to attend the 2017 Maryland PTA Night in Annapolis to take place on Thursday, February 9, 2017 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Room 170 of the House of Delegates Building on Bladen Street in Annapolis, MD. Light refreshments will be served.**

We hope that you will join members of Maryland PTA's Board of Directors as we share our perspectives on our education priorities with our elected officials. Please remember to bring an ID to show at the Security Desk.

I very much appreciate the effort you spend on behalf of Maryland PTA to support our mission and purpose to make every child's dream a reality.

Best Regards,



Elizabeth Ysla Leight  
President Maryland PTA



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**6 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Maryland House of Delegates, Room 170**

Meet your state legislators and receive  
up-to-date information about various education topics.

Remember to bring a valid ID to enter the building.

Questions? Call 410-760-6221

[www.MDPTA.org](http://www.MDPTA.org)



## **Montgomery County Council Capital Budget Hearing**

FY18 CIP & FY17-22 CIP Amendments

Tuesday, February 7, 7:30pm

100 Maryland Ave., Rockville – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Hearing room

## **BOD Meetings, CESC Auditorium 7:30 pm**

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Thursday, March 2, 2017

Thursday, April 6, 2017

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Thursday, June 1, 2017

## **Delegates Assemblies, CESC Auditorium 7:30 pm**

February 28, 2017

March 28, 2017

April 25, 2017

May 23, 2017

June 27, 2017

## **Cluster Meetings with Board of Education 7-9 pm**

February 9, 2017 - Kennedy Cluster

February 16, 2017 - Magruder Cluster

February 23, 2017 - Wootton Cluster

March 16, 2017 - Churchill Cluster

March 23, 2017 - Rockville Cluster

April 20, 2017 - Quince Orchard Cluster

April 27, 2017 - Northwood Cluster

## **MCCPTA Presidents and Principals Event**

*Date and Location TBD*