COMMITTEES

Bylaws: Maryland PTA is updating its bylaws. We are monitoring to determine if that will require MCCPTA and local PTAs to update theirs also to comply with any changes. MDPTA will review a draft at its April board meeting and vote at the July state convention. More as we know it.

Communications: The online Blue Book is posted at MCCPTA.org. Please send any updates or corrections to office@mccpta.org. If you're chairing a committee or event, send web updates to webmaster@mccpta.org.

Nominating: Officer nominations are due Feb. 28. A slate will be announced by March 24. Candidates are still needed for VP of Programs, BOD Secretary and DA Secretary. The deadline for Area VP and Cluster Coordinator nominations will be announced later. Elections will be held April 23. Candidates wishing to run from the floor must notify the Nominating Committee by April 9. Contact Nominating@MCCCPTA.org.

Training: Mid-year financial and leadership training is needed due to a new IRS rules, new guidelines in a revised MDPTA "Cash Encounters" guide and officers elected after Fall Training. Treasurer Khristy Kartsakalis held training for the Paint Branch cluster on Jan. 26. Please contact her to schedule an area training (treasurer@mccpta.org).

SOCA COMPLIANCE UPDATE

Compliance dropped significantly in the new year due to MD Charitable Registrations not filed by 12-31-18, along with overdue financial reviews (due 10-31-18) and 990s (11-15-19). Only 36 of our 193 PTAs are now compliant. Please submit these items ASAP. Except for bylaws (which must be mailed in the booklet provided by MDPTA). email all SOCA documents to office@mdpta.org, bookkeeper@mdpta.org and info@mdpta.org. Copy your Cluster Coordinator and vpadmin@mccpta.org.

MCCPTA is exploring the cost and feasibility of creating a database or password-protected online portal for SOCA submission and tracking. If you know a member familiar with how to set up this type of system, please contact me at vpadmin@mccpta.org.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- Structure is finalized for the MCPS Family Engagement Team. Applications for interested parents will go out this Spring.
- See my guest blog with Superintendent Smith here: https://news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/all-in-the-superintendents-blog/
- Partnering with MCPS to create a staff training video on the importance of PTA. MCEA is helping find teachers to interview. If you know parents, teachers and students with personal stories about the impact of schools and PTA working together, have them contact me at vpadmin@mccpta.org.
- A PTA working group has created recommendations for Best Practices for Principals and PTAs. We're merging them with feedback from principals obtained by the Montgomery County Association of

Administrators and Principals (MCAAP). Recommendations from both groups will be presented for review at tonight's board meeting, then merged in a flier to share with all administrators.

- Here's an overview of all ongoing family engagement efforts with MCPS: https://1drv.ms/w/s!AlVgJKg_96MNgoEIsnzqaSJqKSR_OA