



VP PROGRAMS REPORT | Presented By: Charisse Scott

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Greetings to All,

I have opted for a summary approach to my report rather than a list of dates and meetings.

Since the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021, I have been working to provide opportunities for various committee chairs, and other general members to participate in a pool of programming opportunities that could help to shape the programming brought forth by the membership, and not just me.

Those requests have come in the form of public appeal during our Board Meetings as well as by email, personal appeal, and in the form of Google Forms for members to submit their interest in participating in the efforts put forth. The links for these requests are below:

**MCCPTA Business Hub Tool:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcM\\_yCGMQT6NU6HoUhq6zMJyScZU3ABKQIDadRTyscU6GZcQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcM_yCGMQT6NU6HoUhq6zMJyScZU3ABKQIDadRTyscU6GZcQ/viewform)

**MCCPTA Program Needs & Ideas Inquiry:** <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf92-mlgErw29Lt0U9jA5s4vo6gxJCnYVT1ITzqRZ-9PwgjDg/viewform>

**MCCPTA Language Ambassador:** <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/171gzZDzDqzJoioWYPCDQKojekHzFIKtFOD94qkiP7M/edit>

Response to these requests have either been met with Question, or Lack of Response.

**Member Perks:** Submitted Opportunity for members to take advantage of a new concept “Member Perks”, the first offering presented was in the mortgage lending area, as presented at [Rate.com/MCCPTA](http://Rate.com/MCCPTA). This was met with some concern and opposition and tabled until January to discuss further its implementation or silencing, contingent on what is deemed acceptable as sharing information/opportunity, and what can be construed as being a conflict of interest, or outside the scope of MCCPTA.

**Vax Facts:** Assisted with the development and production of the ESS Covid VAX FAX webinar presented with the multicultural lens and focus translated in multiple languages, with medical representatives that were reflective and well respected in Amharic speaking communities and beyond. We continue to look for opportunities to partner with schools and MCCPTA committees to bring other program ideas like this and more, to life through a collaborative spirit and vision.

**Fall Training:** Presented a Programs Forum during the Fall Training and received some great feedback from participants that will be implemented as we continue to move forward throughout the year.

**Operating Budget:** Participated in Saturday, Operating Budget Testimony Workshop with MCPS and Others, hosted by Laura and MCCPTA

**\*Early Childhood Coordinating Council** collaboration is garnering opportunities to leverage and connect efforts in Early Childhood Education schools to K-12 communications and initiatives, as new schools that are inclusive of Early Child Development education options. Key points here, are that parents of Early Children, need to understand their options in K-12, and the two sectors need to be communicating and sharing resources to ensure a strong foundation feeds into the K-12 and begins there to eliminate gaps in learning. A useful tool has been developed on the heels of locate, to help identify resources for parents and provider of Early care, that can also be useful to K-12 families, where both age groups reside. If you have insight, interest or more questions, contact Charisse Scott.

**Website Content** creation in collaboration with Yeagas is in progress. Content has been submitted, awaiting feedback. Have requested development of an Events Calendar to help capture Local PTA as well as County PTA events and dates. I do have dates to present for new programs and major events. If you have ideas, suggestions or concerns, please contact Charisse Scott.

**Out of School Time Work Group:** Working with MCPS, and other stakeholders in the School Community to collectively share and brainstorm on how best to represent and encourage unique and accessible OST opportunities for students, whether they are free, on school grounds, teacher sponsored, incentivized or not. MCPS is collecting and reviewing all data, and will join us at the next Delegates Assembly this month.

**Partnership Development:** Montgomery County Collaboration Council; MCMedia; CUPF & Silver Spring Civic Center; MC Office of Community Partnerships, Arts on the Block. Continuing to develop relationships and working toward mutual benefit of action, access, and advocacy.

**New ENGAGE Initiative Introduced:** Fourth Friday Family Forums | The first is scheduled for 1.28.22 @ 7pm ENGAGE. Flyers have been distributed with Zoom Links.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cultural Arts** – Have discussed the possibility of taking the Cultural Arts opportunities virtual, and also have introduced the idea of having this committee work with Reflections to assist with judging, or helping to cultivate talent, and the possibility of helping to shape a farm system of student talent that may be able to perform and qualify to transition into performances that schools and other county entities can consider requesting for education or entertainment. For more information contact: Priscilla

**Reflections** – Art Contest Participants have all submitted their entries, pending judging completion this week. We are hoping to see some of our entries to compete at the State and National. Again we encourage schools to consider the importance of this artistic expression and participation in a competition that again cultivates talent. It is also important to note, that while we have had some new schools apply to participate in the contest, they did not all make their way through to actually submitting content. Connected with Arts on the Block for future opportunities to collaborate and share in school support of this offering. For more information please contact: Andrea Creel @ [andreaCreel5@gmail.com](mailto:andreaCreel5@gmail.com)

\*\*\* National PTA is hosting a Reflections Ceremony on January 25<sup>th</sup> for entries from 2020-2021 school year @ [http://npta.informz.net/NPTA/pages/2022\\_Reflections\\_Showcase\\_RSVP?\\_zs=uGF0c&\\_zmi=hj2l](http://npta.informz.net/NPTA/pages/2022_Reflections_Showcase_RSVP?_zs=uGF0c&_zmi=hj2l)



**Awards** – In planning and considering how they can support Special Education Awards efforts. For more information contact: Daria Daniel @ [daria\\_daniel@yahoo.com](mailto:daria_daniel@yahoo.com)

**Celebrations** – Program is in development, looking at a Hybrid experience to include live studio audience, and television style production highlighting MCCPTA accomplishments for the year in visual story telling. Budget for this has been presented, but not approved pending more details. I am working on obtaining figures from vendors, and observing opportunities to capture the hear and art of MCCPTA advocacy between now and then. Please share all opportunities you believe may be worthy of the attention as the year progresses. For more information contact: Charisse Scott @ [vpprograms@mccpta.org](mailto:vpprograms@mccpta.org)

**Business Connect Challenge** – Will not move forward this year due to overwhelming challenges presented due to Covid, and lack of available teacher support. There is exploration of other opportunities to support the Business Challenge outside of school teacher/sponsors in the future. Student group interest in financial literacy has been positive and that aspect is moving forward. For more details contact: Nora Vacariu Webster @ [nvacariu@aol.com](mailto:nvacariu@aol.com)

#### **ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEES**

**ENGAGEMENT CHAIR:** (Garrick Yau – Withdrawn Interest) WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A PARTNER IN ENGAGEMENT. I am serving in this capacity currently.

Reminder of Role & Intent - This is a new role being separated out from the prior Membership and Engagement Committee. This role will report to VP of Programs, and will oversee several subcommittees. The primary objective of the Chair will be to ensure equitable opportunity for school communities to engage and have access to programming relative to the needs of their school communities based on data acquired and submitted by those respective school communities. We will be in essence create a channel that meets the expressed need rather than creating a channel based on what we believe people want to see. Technology and Communications will be key facets required in this role. This role may also continue to encompass SSL opportunities based on engagement potential.

**Teacher/Staff/Admin Support Subcommittee:** (Oriole Saah – Withdrawn interest) IF YOU DON'T WANT THE TITLE, PLEASE STILL SHARE THE OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT THIS COMMITTEE.

Reminder of Role & Intent - Programming focused on the needs and supports required for those who support our students and represent the “T” in PTA.

**Youth & Family Culture Generational Transitions:** (Stephanie Bonaparte) WELCOME ADDITIONAL HELP

Programming focused on the needs and supports required for students and their parents to discuss, celebrate and elevate the diversity cultural expectations and the transition that occurs from one generation to the next, especially for first generation American, or immigrant students.

**(PROPOSED EVENT DATES & SUBJECTS FOLLOW)**

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**Fourth Friday Family Forums:**

January 28<sup>th</sup> (Covid Trauma Facts) | February 25<sup>th</sup> (The Arts) | March 25<sup>th</sup> (The Sports) | April 22<sup>nd</sup> (The Gifts & Special Education Options) | May 27<sup>th</sup> (Celebrations Awards) | June 24<sup>th</sup> (Summer Meetings) | July 22<sup>nd</sup> (Summer Fun Event – Recruitment/Training)

**Youth Summit Forums:**

March 11<sup>th</sup> | April 8<sup>th</sup> | May 18<sup>th</sup> (All Early Release Days)

**Cultural Event Themes & Seasons: (A Few Dates and Holidays Reflected on MCPS ical)**

January: MLK Day | Korean American Day

February: Asian New Year | Nirvana Day (Buddhists)

March: Carnival Season (Festival of Colors and More – Jewish, Hindu, Ukrainian)

April: Ramadan (Begins April 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>) | Spring Break 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

\*\*\* County Council Budget Hearings \*\*\*

Would love to collaborate with schools and communities to develop community programs to share in celebration of these traditions to help educate our young people about culture and to be inclusive of the rich stories of culture and tradition that exists behind these dates. Open to suggestions.