

Richard Montgomery Cluster Report for MCCPTA Board of Directors (Oct. 11th, 2018):

Highlight of activities and efforts:

- 1) RM cluster coordinators and Area VP met with Peter Moran, new MCPS area supervisor for the RM cluster, on Friday Oct 2nd. Our second meeting focused on cluster priorities, safety, achievements, grade level vs accelerated math programs, implementation of these programs and the resultant complexity, especially in mixed level classes. Critical to the implementation of the accelerated math curriculum at ESs is correct identification of students and its impact on their tenure in MCPS. A major part of the discussion focused on MAP-M and R scores, communication of RIT scores to parents, educating them on the new “Lexile” metric. Ways and means to update the inventory of media centers to accommodate the entire range of Lexile scores.
- 2) RM cluster coordinators have been invited to join bimonthly cluster principals’ meetings in 2018-2019 school year when available. At least one of our RM cluster coordinators will attend each of the meetings. The first meeting is scheduled for Oct 25th, 2018.
- 3) RM cluster tentatively planning to hold cluster meetings on “5th Tuesdays” of the month: November 1st (to accommodate MCCPTA CIP Training), January 29, April 30.
- 4) New Bayard Rustin E.S. PTA is off to a great start, with parents taking the initiative for bake sale on election day and community engagement.
- 5) RM addition/classroom revisions including science labs and Twinbrook revitalization remain top priorities.

RM Cluster Coordinators (Monique Ashton, Rodney Peele, Mallika Sastry)

Area VP (Jennifer Young)