

DELEGATES' ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, January 24, 2017
7:30 p.m., Carver Center Auditorium

(35 voting members to achieve quorum)

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

MINUTES OF THE MCCPTA DELEGATES ASSEMBLY

November 22, 2016 at Carver Auditorium

Attending: President Paul Geller, VP Administration Stephen Wilson, VP Programs Melissa McKenna, Treasurer Lisa Betts, Cluster Coordinators and Delegates.

The meeting was called to order at 7:43pm. President Geller referred to today's listserv note urging delegates to be civil when posting. The Mission of PTA was read in English and Spanish. Affirmations –Drew ES PTA President Benito San Miguel was recognized. The Agenda and Minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Advocacy Priorities: Based on feedback at summer area meetings. Approved Nov. 3 by Board of Directors. Discuss with PTAs before January vote. After approval, copies will be shared with elected officials and used to prepare testimony. Schools "teaming up" to advocate is effective. A December "Advocacy Priorities" night may be planned to explain in further detail. An electronic version is attached to Mr. Geller's Nov. 22 listserv message. Benito San Miguel will translate into Spanish [now posted at MCCPTA.org.] Last year's report card was distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

Student Protests: Paul met with Superintendent Dr. Smith, who's concerned about students demonstrating during school hours. He encourages students to organize outside school hours. Delegates suggest an MCCPTA statement; conversations to find ways for students to discuss and dissent; immigration clinics with community groups (Paul will check); schools with successful demonstrations (Paint Branch HS) developing best practices.

School Calendar 2017-18: Starts day after Labor Day and ends by June 15 per Gov. Hogan's order. Waivers are limited. MD will withhold 10% from districts that don't comply. The calendar committee is discussing whether to shorten or eliminate Spring Break, religious holidays or other days to accommodate. A decision is expected Dec 13. Most delegates present support starting earlier. Delegates discussed whether to advocate for local rights when the MD General Assembly resumes January 11, given future support needed for construction funding. Suggestion: change attendance requirement from days to hours for more flexibility. Year-end testing dates are tied to federal requirements and can't be shifted later.

OFFICER REPORTS *(also see written reports)*

President Paul Geller: He's been visiting schools and testifying. He's unsure how May's school budget vote will affect current county council members. Be aware when preparing testimony.

VP Administration Stephen Wilson: Four (4) nominating committee members are needed from these areas: BCC/Walter Johnson/Whitman; Damascus/Gaithersburg/Magruder/Watkins Mill; Clarksburg/Northwest/Quince Orchard/Seneca Valley and one at-large. Talk to your clusters and get names to your AVP. Names must be published in early January to vote at January's DA. This committee nominates officers for coming year. There are also 2 current openings.

Treasurer Lisa Betts: See financials. All income from membership. Audit is done/filed. Paul thanked Lisa for cost cuts.

VP Programs Melissa McKenna: Reflections theme is "What's your story?" All schools should have chairs and schedule voting soon. PTAs MUST be SOCA compliant to participate. Verify with your Cluster Coordinator, AVP or Steve. Operating budget hearings are January 5 and 11. New BOE members, president & VP will be installed Dec. 1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS *(also see written reports)*

CIP – Melissa McKenna: All 25 clusters testified during capital budget hearings! Next: February County Council CIP hearings. BOE selected Bethesda-Chevy Chase boundary option 7, which prioritizes living geographically close to a school. Rock Creek Forest will be split: local students go to the new middle school and Spanish immersion students to Westland to avoid having one school over and one under capacity in the same cluster. Walter Johnson cluster is discussing reopening Woodward as a high school to accommodate new residential development. High schools can accommodate additions but will have no more expansion space. *Subdivision Staging Policy (SSP)* – County Council approved an

individual school test for overcrowding but can still impose placeholders for additions to allow development. The School Facility Payment goes away but is balanced by the increased 120% impact tax, based on current costs. Schools will get \$16 million more over 6 years. Please use social media to thank council members publicly. *State*: Monitoring the Knott Commission, which wants to build more schools faster and cheaper than last 15 years but are not tornado or derecho proof. *FACT scores* (to determine Revitalizations/Expansions): delayed until February/March. Information arrived late from the outside contractor that assessed schools last summer. MCPS may address partial needs.

Membership – Tracie Potts: 21,968 members to date. 102 PTAs have reported. 91 have not. Certificates awarded to 36 PTAs that exceeded last year's total. From these, a drawing was held for 10 gift cards and a 5'x3' custom vinyl banner.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM



Montgomery County Council Capital Budget Hearing

FY18 CIP & FY17-22 CIP Amendments

Tuesday, February 7, 7:30pm

100 Maryland Ave., Rockville – 3rd 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

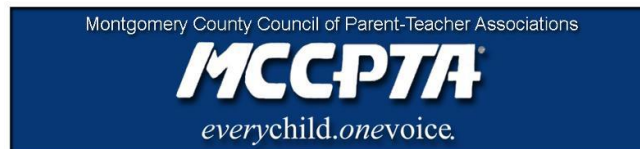
March 23, 2017 - Rockville Cluster

April 20, 2017 - Quince Orchard Cluster

April 27, 2017 - Northwood Cluster

MCCPTA Presidents and Principals Event

Date and Location TBD



2016-17 ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

Montgomery County Council of PTAs (MCCPTA) is comprised of 193 local PT(S)As in Montgomery County, MD, representing nearly 50,000 students, parents, family members, teachers, staff and administrators of Montgomery County Public Schools. To ensure that all students have the opportunity to succeed, regardless of income, race, ethnicity, native language, and ability, MCCPTA will advocate for MCPS to achieve the following:

IN THE CLASSROOM: Close the Achievement/Opportunity Gap and Improve Success for All Students

- Hire and retain more diverse classroom staff, with increased implicit bias and cultural sensitivity training for all staff
- Expand acceleration and enrichment in PreK-3
- Increase professional development for teachers regarding curriculum implementation
- Encourage timely, data-driven monitoring to measure and report whole school performance
- Continue to reduce class sizes
- Increase school support staff such as, but not limited to, counselors, nurses and paraeducators, and make staff allocations based upon school size and need
- Retain math 4/5 and 5/6 stand alone classes for all students who need above grade-level challenges
- Set clear goals for completing technology rollout, and seek innovative uses of technology to support learning
- Expand foreign language instruction by offering more languages and elementary instruction
- Review the impact of revised bell times and start dates and continue dialogue with community
- Increase the number of elementary instrumental music teachers, and support additional staffing and funding for all levels of instrumental music instruction
- Measure successful outcomes by monitoring and reviewing each student's individual progress and report to parents
- Accurately identify and provide appropriate resources, accommodations, technology and staff training to support students receiving Special Education services or English Language Learners and their families
- Provide explicit curriculum enrichment and acceleration for students identified as GT in all grade levels
- Improve advocacy and awareness of student mental health services
- Investigate creative ways to expand AP course offerings in schools with low enrollment
- Expand unique academic offerings to include something for each middle or high school

IN OUR BUILDINGS: Increase funding for continued development of safe, modern schools

- Fund Revitalization/Expansion (Rev/Ex) and capacity projects. Consider projected enrollment, school's physical condition, impact of overcrowding, lifecycle costs of relocatable classrooms and student/staff safety when planning Rev/Ex projects
- Re-evaluate conditions of all schools in an unbiased, objective manner to determine Rev/Ex placement
- Coordinate planning and policy for necessary school capacity in concert with the county planning process
- Repair and replace HVAC systems

IN OUR COMMUNITY: Encourage an equitable education for all students

- Encourage county leaders to address current and future overcrowding issues
- Improve efforts to engage all families and stakeholders through community outreach, improved communications and multilingual outreach
- Address the growing safety issue of gang violence in communities surrounding our schools
- Encourage bullying prevention programs in all schools and empower students to address interpersonal conflicts in a constructive manner
- Expand academic and enrichment after school programs through community partnerships and expand access to transportation for extracurricular programs and Saturday School
- Promote continued improvement in nutritious food choices and availability

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT - January 2017Chair: Tammy Clark clark_9301@verizon.net

Subcommittee Chairs: Amanda Graver – Elementary

Jamahl Johnson – Middle School

Cynthia Simonson – High School

December 5th - Tammy, Amanda & Cynthia met with Erick Lang, MCPS Associate Superintendent OCIP, Scott Murphy, MCPS Director of Secondary Curriculum, Niki Hazel, MCPS Director of Elementary Curriculum, and Ben OuYang, MCPS Director of Career Readiness and Innovative Programs. The Curriculum Committee meets with OCIP staff several times throughout the year in order to share issues being raised by parents and students concerning curriculum and instruction, and to learn of MCPS curriculum changes, updates and events. The following issues were discussed:

- *Ready Common Core (RCC)*: Our committee asked about RCC, which is currently being piloted this year in 11 elementary schools: Burtonsville, Lake Seneca, Meadow Hall, Summit Hall, Maryvale, Greencastle, Rensnik, Sequoyah, Shriver, Twinbrook, and Watkins Mill. RCC is an online curriculum program that these 11 schools volunteered to try in Reading & Writing and/or Math. All the materials are available in English and Spanish. We will follow up as feedback is compiled from teachers/staff, and will seek feedback from parents.
- *CTE Roadshow*: The Career & Technology Education programs were highlighted in November and December over the course of multiple nights at high schools across the county. The programs were well attend. The events were targeted at middle school students and families as they make decisions for high school course/selections.
- *JEE policy on Student Transfers*: The Board of Education is seeking to change the process used for student transfers. The changes are in response to the Choice Study and will include opening the transfer process beyond hardships for high school students choosing CTE programs, which availability varies from school to school, and not all programs are utilized equally.
- *Naviance/Family Connection*: Middle school counselors are introducing all 7th and 8th grade students to Naviance, which many students know as Family Connection. Naviance is an online resource/tool which has been used by high school students for college and/or career planning. It provides the ability to research careers, colleges, and makes it easy for students to keep their information easily accessible. The goal is to have students begin using Naviance in middle school as they plan out their high school goals using the 4-6 year planner.
- *Science Curriculum News*: The shift to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) is leading to changes in the high school science course sequence and the replacement of the Maryland School Assessment in science with the Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA). MISA will be administered in grades five and eight, and in high school. This spring the MISA will be piloted in grades five and eight, with no fault to students. It will be piloted in high school in the spring of 2018. OCIP is planning a county-wide Science Curriculum Parent Information Night on Monday, March 20th at 7PM at Richard Montgomery High School. Curriculum staff and teachers will present information on the shift that is occurring with the adaptation of NGSS. The curriculum committee will actively promote this event and continue to share information with our community.

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT – January 2017**Daria Daniel, chair** (daria_daniel@yahoo.com)

The Awards Committee is seeking at least 3-4 members to serve this year. Members will finalize awards to be offered; develop criteria; solicit & review nominations; select & notify winners; collect photos & bios for program; order trophies/awards; and present awards at May Presidents & Principals event. Contact Daria Daniel to volunteer.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT – January 2017**Tracie Potts, chair** (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 - Highest Percentage Growth Award
Northwest HS PTSA

*Congratulations to all PTAs/PTSAs with mid-year membership growth!
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 – November 2016

Chair Lang Lin (pta.langlin@gmail.com)

Vice-Chair Kim Testa (kgtesta@aol.com), Iris Masucci (ri@robertandiris.com)

EVENTS:

11/2 MCCPTA GT Liaison Training and Parent Information Night was held in MCPS Carver Auditorium

MCPS Presentation:

- Hear the MCPS message about the Choice Study as it relates to elementary school programming and the system's proposed 3 year response plan for elementary to high schools.
- Hear the updates for Math 4/5 and Math 5/6 student programming.
- Hear plans to work collaboratively with fellow MCCPTA and GTA members on strategies to support students and respond to questions about schools through a liaison to liaison approach.

Speakers:

Ms. Meredith Casper, Director of MCPS Division of Accelerated and Enriched Instruction

Ms. Lori-Christina Webb, Executive Director for the MCPS Chief Academic Officer

Ms. Siobhan Alexander, Director of MCPS Elementary Integrated Curriculum Team

Advocacy Update from the Gifted and Talented Association of Montgomery County

Speaker: Ms. Michelle Gluck, President, GTAMC

Advocacy Priorities from MCCPTA Gifted Child Committee

- Slides: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B185q2cGgUpJdU1BQ3J3NFNHdDQ>
- GCC Priority Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3ccs1ercMU&t=523s>
- 11/3 Kim and Lang participated in the MCCPTA BOD meeting.
- 11/9 Iris attended the Shady Grove MS PTA meeting where parents heard about “advanced classes for all” in middle schools from MCPS central office staff.
- 11/28 Kim, Iris, and Lang attended MCPS AEI briefing meeting on the GT Parent Info Night feedback.

ADVOCACY:

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.

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.

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT – January 2017

Chair Stefania Clerici (Stefania.clerici.duch@gmail.com)

The best piece of news: we have a new subcommittee, dedicated to improve Physical activity in schools.

The Physical activity subcommittee (chair to be designated soon), joins the Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Katherine Wood), the Safe Technology (Laura Simon) and the School Nutrition ones (Lisa Mandell).

Important: Katherine Woods, chair of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse subcommittee, has a senior daughter, so she will not be with us next year. We need someone to take care of this very important issue. Please, contact me or Katherine if you are interested.

MCPS Wellness Committee

I attended the MCPS Wellness Committee on January 19th.

The goal of the Committee is to review the Wellness Regulation (created in 2006 and revised in 2012 and 2015).

The Regulation can be found in MCPS website.

I am sharing the Final Recommendations of the 2015-16 MCPS Wellness Committee. There is a significant delay from when Committee met and when the Final Recommendations were issued, and no follow up is available so far. Still, the Wellness Committee is a good opportunity to engage with MCPS in a constructive way.

I hope you will take some time to review the recommendations and the Regulation and to let me know your opinion on what I should bring to the Wellness Committee. Last year there was very little room for feedback from the MCCPTA, but this year the process is more open and transparent and I am confident I will be able to bring your voices to the Committee.

Water Quality

Since several parents have raised questions about the possible presence of lead in the drinkable water in school fixtures, I have been in touch with MCPS asking for clarifications.

Between 2004 and 2008, all drinking fixtures have been reviewed, tested and replaced if necessary. The practice of flushing the faucets/fountains in the morning does not mean that the plumbing has lead, but it is a normal precaution after several hours of inactivity.

However, since some schools are still complaining about bad taste/appearance of the water provided, I am asking more precise questions. I understand that the problem might be a lack of maintenance of the water fountain, that accumulates particles inside. Water fountain maintenance is responsibility of each school, so it should be reasonable asking to the school principal, as first step. However, I think it could be useful to pass all the information to MCPS Water Quality Team and to ask them for guidance.

Regarding taking a sample and testing, I would at least try and do it in agreement with the school principal, in order to avoid unnecessary conflicts. Contact me with your opinion on this.

Seat belts on chartered buses

MCPS is reviewing the regulation to approve the companies schools can use to charter buses for trips (when school buses are unavailable or deemed not convenient).

I have asked Mr. Zuckerman to include that only companies that can guarantee buses equipped with seat belts should be approved. Although he agreed in principle, he certainly raised questions about the availability of enough buses. All new buses are equipped with seat belts, as they are safer. We need to ask for the safest buses for our students, not the old ones. It is important to mention the issue with your local schools making sure that, every time a reservation is made, seat belts are explicitly required.

As usual, contact me if you have suggestions or doubts.

Thanks!

Stefania Clerici

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Final Recommendations 2015-16 MCPS Wellness Committee

During the 2015-16 school year, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) established a 18 person multi-stakeholder wellness committee that included parents, MCPS and Montgomery County Government health and human services staff, a counselor, health and physical education teachers, and school-based administrators to review the wellness practices in MCPS. The MCPS Wellness committee reviewed five subcategories of wellness including physical activity, physical education, mental health, food services, and nutrition education. The committee met four times during the school year reviewing research, reflecting on current practice and developing recommendations for the future. An infographic of the year and subcategories is included to show the year in review. The MCPS Wellness committee developed the following recommendations for each subcategory. Here are the top energy votes and recommendations of 2 votes or more in each subcategory.

Action

The recommendations shall be communicated with designated offices listed below. Follow-up communication with the offices and wellness committee co-chairs shall occur by September 2016.

Physical Activity

Topic	Final Energy Vote	Recommendations	Office 1	Office 2	Office 3
PA	6	To ensure that low-income (FARMS) area school have equal access to physical activity opportunities	OSSI	OCIP	OCAO
PA	4	Provide opportunities for students who do not make a sports team (Equity)	OSSI		
PA	4	Incorporate more physical activity/brain breaks in class (training and requirement) PreK-12	OSSI	OCIP	
PA	4	Adopt 60 minutes per day of physical activity (whole school approach)	OSSI	OCIP	OCAO

Physical Education

Topic	Final Energy Vote	Recommendations	Office 1	Office 2
PE	5	Focus on individual fitness & goals, not competitive sports – realign budget to have more activity clubs during after school hours	OCIP	OCOO
PE	4	Make connection to overall wellness – mental health ability to function better in classes	OSSI	OCIP
PE	3	Increase yoga, mindfulness as part of the curriculum	OCIP	
PE	3	Integrate theory and practice in a natural way from school to home with (emphasis on personal /social behavior) for particularly in high school (ultimate goal – standards) in middle school	OCIP	
PE	2	*Increase the amount of physical education and physical activity; in elementary to daily, require more than just 1 credit for graduation	OSSI	OCIP

Key:

F- Food and Nutrition Services
 MH- Mental Health
 N- Nutrition Education
 PA- Physical Activity
 PE- Physical Education
 *- Not attainable

DFM- Department of Facilities Management
 DFNS- Department of Food and Nutrition Services
 OCAO-Office of the Chief Academic Officer
 OCIP- Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs
 OCOO- Office of Chief Operating Officer
 OSSI-Office of School Support and Improvement

Final Recommendations 2015-16 MCPS Wellness Committee

Mental Health

Topic	Final Energy Vote	Recommendations	Office 1	Office 2
MH	6	Promote the programs that support students who have experienced severe trauma (to include PTSD, death, etc.) specifically in elementary schools consistent approach/whole school approach	OSSI	OCAO
MH	4	Assess the strengths and supports for largest return on investment. What is working? Based on what we know is working, how do we identify the gaps and develop/implement prevention programs?	OCAO	
MH	4	Increase the number of school psychologists (K-12) and promote their work	OSSI	OCAO
MH	3	Smaller counselor: student ratio	OSSI	OCAO
MH	2	Balance resources for our students amongst various programs including wrap-around support	OSSI	OCAO

Food Services

Topic	Final Energy Vote	Recommendations	Office 1	Office 2
F	6	Remove or reduce marketing of unhealthy foods in schools	OSSI	OCOO (DFNS)
F	5	Increase variety of meals/decrease kids foods (e.g. processed chicken, burgers, hot dogs, breakfast for lunch, pizza, fries, potatoes)	OCOO (DFNS)	
F	2	Implement the recommendations in the MCCPTA resolution	OCOO (DFNS)	
F	2	Vegetarian consideration	OCOO (DFNS)	

Nutrition Education

Topic	Final Energy Vote	Recommendations	Office 1	Office 2
N	6	Heath Ed teacher investigation of techniques used by food companies to make processed foods irresistible; teach understanding of chemicals used in food and process by which FDA allows foods additives into common use	OCIP	
N	5	Incorporating nutrition health education specific to the health benefits of other cultural foods	OCOO (DFNS)	OCIP
N	3	Teaching the percent impact of diet vs. exercise on weight loss	OCIP	
N	2	Provide instruction on the importance of eating whole vs. processed foods	OCIP	

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VP EDUCATIONAL ISSUES – January 2017**Jennifer McDonald (vpedissues@mccpta.com)*****December Activities***

- Board of Directors meeting, December 1
- School Health Council quarterly Meeting, December 5

Upcoming Activities

- January ExComm and Board of Directors Meeting, January 4
- Operating Budget Hearing, January 5, Jan 11
- Curriculum Committee Meeting w/ Dr. Lang, January 23
- Delegates Assembly, January 24, 2017

Recent and Ongoing Issues***Mobile Phone Use in Schools***

With regard to this modern dilemma, MCPS Chief Technology Officer, Sherwin Collette has been invited to speak at our January Board of Directors meeting. As it stands now, each principal calls the policies for their school although a uniform policy might be advisable here. Many middle schools ask their students to keep their phones in the locker during the day; other schools let students use phones at lunch time. Elementary schools frequently do not allow mobile phone use at all while others restrict mobile phone use to only 4th and 5th graders. In addition, there has even been a modicum of concern that school networks are overburdened and parents wonder if students are using their own data plans. To complicate matters, there is a concern about the use of mobile phones in the classroom to further the curriculum...which opens up a whole new chapter of how much is too much not to mention the obvious economic divide. There is certainly new territory to pave here so it will be especially advantageous to have our Chief Technology Officer as a guest speaker as we raise our students in this age of technology.

After-School Physical Activities

Our MCCPTA Health and Safety Committee advises that more resources be devoted to intramural and club sports in order to allow those students not engaged in team sports to have the opportunity for physical activity. To this end, some middle schools offer open gym; other schools support organizations like Girls On The Run. What does your school do? Please let us know. The more ideas we share, the better.

Health Room Staffing

With regard to concerns that some health rooms are unstaffed during lunch and recess, according to the experts at the School Health Council it is up to the principals to decide what the coverage is when the health room staff is on their union-mandated lunch break. Some schools provide coverage in the form of a substitute physically present in the health room (especially at elementary schools). Others post a sign to check in at the main office usually located nearby. The School Health Council would like to assure parents that there is always someone on duty either in the health room itself or in close proximity.

TREASURER - January 2017**Lisa Betts (treasurer@mccpta.com)**

The December financials are attached [available at DA]. Income reported at \$7418 and expenses reported at \$964.93.

Throughout the month of December I have continued to work with individual units on their charitable organization renewals, financial audits and 990 preparations.

MCCPTA Financial Report for period ending December 31, 2016					
		2015-2016	2016-2017	2016-2017	
	December	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
Income					
MCCPTA Activities	0.00	437.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership Dues	7,418.00	46,108.00	29,386.00	50,000.00	20,614.00
Prior Year Membership Dues	0.00	937.00	988.00	988.00	0.00
Other Income	0.00	33.00	0.00	0.00	
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
Total Income (Current Year)	7,418.00	72,998.00	34,466.14	68,759.27	34,293.13
TOTAL INCOME	7,418.00	101,683.38	46,340.91	80,880.83	46,167.69
Expenses					
ICB	0.00	1,538.50	196.13	1,500.00	1,303.87
Committees					
Advocacy	0.00	266.20	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
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	0.00	760.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
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
Total Committees	0.00	3,097.35	0.00	10,900.00	10,900.00
General & Administrative					
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	0.00	3,061.28	0.00	3,100.00	3,100.00
Equipment Lease	240.64	3,159.39	1,487.87	4,000.00	2,512.13
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	62.67	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	9.40	70.93	10.76	150.00	137.88

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		2015-2016	2016-2017	2016-2017	
	December	Actual YTD	Actual YTD	Budget	Balance
Software Expense	0.00	170.87	0.00	200.00	200.00
Telephone	564.56	3,550.12	1,608.13	3,600.00	1,991.87
Web Hosting and Elec Comm.	0.00	881.76	256.04	1,000.00	743.96
Total General & Administrative	877.27	15,639.66	5,809.99	18,020.00	12,208.65
Leadership Training					
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
Total Leadership Training	0.00	2,249.35	958.01	6,300.00	5,341.99
MCPS Ed Foundation					
Give BackPacks	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total MCPS Ed Found	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Organizational Advocacy					
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	0.00	875.00	50.00	900.00	850.00
Representational Events	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Total Organizational Advocacy	0.00	2,255.00	1,450.00	4,200.00	2,750.00
Payroll Expenses					
Payroll (Incl.Taxes)	80.16	19,020.84	410.58	24,000.00	23,589.42
Payroll Service Expense	7.50	355.00	45.00	400.00	355.00
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
Total Payroll Expenses	87.66	19,330.64	455.58	24,400.00	23,944.42
Programs/Projects Expense					
President/Principal Dinner	0.00	34,914.32	0.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
Total Programs/Projects Expense	0.00	34,914.32	0.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
Total Expenses	964.93	80,524.82	8,869.71	80,820.00	71,082.20
Net Operating Income	6,453.07	(7,526.82)	25,596.43	(12,060.73)	(36,789.07)
Total Income (Carryover to 2017-18)		21,158.56	37,471.20	60.83	(24,914.51)

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

1. MCCPTA Nominating Committee – We finally have a complete Nominating Committee for this school year! (see below). My sincere thanks to all who have agreed to serve. The Nominating Committee recommends 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.

MCCPTA Area	Proposed Nominating Committee Member
BCC/WJ/Whitman	Jennifer Cope
Damascus/Gaithersburg/Magruder/WM	Norman Peterson (Laytonsville ES)
Clarksburg/Northwest/QO/SV	Likan Liang
DCC	Chris Rutledge (Einstein HS)
Churchill/Poolesville/Rockville/Wootton	Adam Lee
NEC/Sherwood	JoAnn Burl (Springbrook HS)
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.