

MONTHLY REPORT FOR BOD/DA MEETINGS
LGBTQ Subcmte (of DEI Cmte)
Submitted by Mark Eckstein, Chair

January Monthly Highlights: *if more info is desired, kindly email: LGBTQ@MCCPTA.ORG*

- Attended **DEI Cmte Meetings** and contributed to ongoing work, via email etc; great meeting with MCPS leaders—**Ed Clarke and Karen Stratman**
- Communicated with **GSA Student Club** (LGBTQ student clubs in all of our Middle and High Schools) stakeholders (sponsors, students, community members, staff) about various topics
- Worked with MCPS Attorneys, National LGBTQ Organizations, and Pro-bono Attorneys on an **Amicus Brief to defend the lawsuit** relating to MCPS’s Gender Identity Guidelines; discussed the lawsuit with Stephanie from Dr McKnight’s office
- Attended MCCPTA-sponsored **Training on Gender Identity**; great turnout of over 60 attendees and awesome feedback from mcps staff
- Attended regular **Student Welfare Stakeholder Meeting**, which Greg Edmundson leads; gave feedback on their new Student Module
- Attended/Promoted **PRISM Panel about LGBTQ Teachers**, particularly those of Color.
- **Met with MoCoPride** (MCPS Student Leadership Organization) about the MCPS Lawsuit and helped to assuage their fears that these transgender protections might be eroded.
- Met with Jamie from OneLove about their new, free **curriculum covering healthy LGBTQ relationships**, and provided her introductions to various MCPS staff.
- Worked with Melissa Regan on her “big” upcoming **meeting with MCPS Senior Leadership** about the need for them to act on pending LGBTQ matters.