**MCCPTA Health and Wellness Committee**

**October 2020 Report**

**Health and Wellness Committee Meeting: October 26**

Mental Health Subcommittee

* Introduced Helga Luest as new chairperson

Nutrition Subcommittee

* Lynn updated the committee on the subcommittee’s work

Substance Use Committee

* Hannah connected Laura Mitchel to Mitra to discuss work on vaping
* Helga, Laura, and Mitra will schedule a time to meet to discuss collaborating

**Environmental Health Subcommittee Meeting: October 19**

* Advocacy efforts and outreach to MCPS families, MCPS clusters, MCPS officials, Councilmembers, State legislature
  + Seth Adams, MCPS Director of the Dept. of Facilities Management
    - Meeting originally scheduled for November 13, but was reschedule for November 19 at 11am with the following people:
      * MCPS staff: Seth Adams, Lynne Zarate, Essie McGuire, Bonnie Supinski, Doug Hollis, Veronica Hill, and Gary Mosesman
      * MCCPS Environmental Health Subcommittee members: Hannah Donart, Laura Stewart, and Jeremy Goodman
      * Councilmember Hucker’s office: Jill Ortman-Fouse
      * Subcommittee drafted a list of questions for MCPS facilities
      * Created Spread sheet of cleaning and disinfecting products that MCPS uses
      * Subcommittee met on November 10 to strategize and finalize agenda for meeting with Seth Adams
* Survey for delegates e-list is ready to be sent, but will go out after our meeting with Seth Adams to get an idea of what schools are doing on the ground to prepare for reopening
* Discussed a PTA Resolution:
  + Prioritize schools that will reopen first and any schools that are already occupied to have air quality mitigation measures and testing in place before schools open
* Discussed Regional Coalition to share resources and best practices
* Webinar with [**Aly Cohen MD, FACR, FABoIM,**](https://www.linkedin.com/in/aly-cohen-md-facr-0b570749/) to educate students and staff on drinking water in schools for January