

Health and Safety Committee
For November 2017 Board of Directors
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1. Met with Dr. Jonathan Brice, Associate Superintendent, MCPS Office of Student and Family Support and Engagement to establish monthly meetings for H&S with counterpart MCPS officials.
2. Met with Marla Caplon, director of MCPS Wellness Initiative, who is rolling out Local School Wellness Councils
3. Met with local school wellness council pilot program managers at Institute of Public Health Innovation.
4. Initiating a Wellness Conference with MCPS to bring in local wellness team members and develop best practices. Tentative date: [March 8, 2018](#). Location: Carver.

School Climate and Safety

- The MCCPTA board and delegates unanimously passed a resolution on the rights of and protections for undocumented students.
- We have linked three local PTAs with CASA to offer "know your rights" workshops for undocumented students and families.
- The sub-committee submitted comments and questions to MCPS in response to the interim report on school safety and security.
- Invited to attend monthly meetings with the associate superintendent in charge of the office of student and family support and engagement.
- MCCPTA participated in two school conferences on combating discrimination, bias and hate run by Communities United Against Hate (CUAH).
- The sub-committee is compiling a list of resources on school climate and safety to share with PTAs.

Safe Technology

- Met with Student Board member Matt Post to introduce ourselves and discuss the COG-RA revision.
- Met with MCPS Health Education Curriculum director, Theresa Shatzer, to share the Maryland Children's Environmental Health Advisory Council's recommendation for minimizing wifi radiation exposure. We asked that she distribute the guidelines to staff and include in the health curriculum.
- Begun an Incident Log to chronicle the gaps in network security and privacy
- Share the concept of the Incident Log with CTO Pete Cevinini, who is supportive of the project

School Nutrition

On October 25, School Nutrition Committee Chair Lisa Mandell and Health and Safety Chair Sunil Dasgupta met with the new director of MCPS DFNS, Susan McCarron. We had a productive conversation, learned about some of her plans for school food in the county and

shared our desire to support her efforts in any way we can. Also, we reviewed a few points in the MCCPTA School Food Resolution. We plan to build a positive working relationship with Ms McCarron and at a minimum have a meeting with her once a quarter. Our next meeting will be in December or January and will include a tour of the facility for the committee.