

## AVP – NEC-SHERWOO BOD Report (NOVEMBER 2017)

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Continued assisting Blake with the research collection to support their efforts in the “All Honors” approach to certain classes. I connected them with Springbrook’s master schedule who was able to help them identify the “All Honors” classes @ their school to show some comparison within the NEC. Tracie (PB CC) did the same to offer Paint Branch insight.

Heavy communication and collaboration with Springbrook Cluster Coordinators, and Principals (Springbrook, White Oak & JoAnn Leleck specifically), to gather information, and strategize a best approach to very serious issues of safety that needed immediate attention and prioritization with regards to the CIP, as we prepared for November testimony.

Assisted Local School Representatives who wanted to offer individualized testimony to the BOE to sign up, and structure best advocacy approach. Worked with Cluster Coordinators to help finalize their CIP Testimony and ensure our messages were unified and unifying.

Testified to the BOE on behalf of the Springbrook Cluster Coordinators, who originally were not going to be available. There was a great showing of support there, and initial follow up from all parties indicates that steps have already been taken on all levels to actively address and engage the school leaders with solutions to remedy the notable issues brought forth in our testimony.

Attended East County Advisory Board Joint Planning and Economic Development & Quality of Life Social Issues Committee Meetings to engage local community stakeholders and learn about what common interests our groups have to better strategize advocacy as it relates to the cross between our schools and the community at large. There was no other school engaged leaders at this meeting, so our voices were needed.

Sent out a direct message to our Middle and H.S. leadership about engaging students in the participation of the MD DOE launch of the NSA Day of Cyber School Challenge, a program aimed to ignite student interest in Cybersecurity.

Collaborated with Presidents and Principals committee on establishing venue options for the May Event.

Connected with MDPTA on an Initiative to partner with MDRealtors for a statewide poster contest that speaks to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fair Housing Act whose legislation is in line with the key anti-discriminatory factors that we counter in education through our PTA advocacy and the direct correlation that housing affordability has on the school system (*ref: Council Vice President Riemer is the lead sponsor of Bill 38-17, which would increase the minimum percentage of Moderately Priced Housing Units (MPDUs) that are required to be built in new residential developments from 12.5 to 15 percent in an MCPS High School Service Area with an eligibility rate for free and reduced meals of 15 percent or less.*). As a result, I was recruited to sit on the MDPTA Legislative Committee representing Montgomery County. We had our first legislative call in November where we voted on language to support the Advocacy agenda for MDPTA as they correlate with National PTA specifically on initiatives addressing Early Mental Health Intervention, Opium Use, and 180 Day Minimum for MD Schools.

Working to confirm if we can get one more Consortium event in before the holidays in preparation for the January Operating Budget; share the Housing Affordability Poster Contest with our constituency; continue engaging the H.S. in promoting student representation and active engagement within our CC ranks, and continue working to educate our school leaders and communities about the importance of actively engaging in MCCPTA advocacy, while helping them to understand the system and how it works.

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