

MCCPTA Committee Year-end Report

Fiscal Year/School Year 2020-2021

Committee: LGBTQ Subcommittee
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ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Worked with MCPS to get GSA's (LGBTQ Student Clubs) in every High/Middle School.
- Worked with MCPS and other community partners to hold the annual LGBTQ Town Hall
- Worked with OSFSE Parent Academy to have SMYAL present two Workshops
- Worked closely with MoCoPride Student Org to deal with bullying/harassment incidents
- Lead multiple Trainings to MCPS stakeholders

WORK-IN-PROGRESS

- Provide support to Elementary Schools, including working-groups of staff, parents, students. A few schools have asked for our guidance in helping to create clubs (similar to GSA's but age-appropriate).
- Work to convince the new Deputy Superintendent that a dedicated LGBTQ position is needed within MCPS and that MCPS needs to explicitly define their intended meaning of DEI; it is important that MCPS enumerates LGBTQ within their definition.
- Work with OCIP and Equity Team to provide district-wide and school-specific PD/Trainings

KEY CONTACTS

- Nikki Hazel
- Greg Edmondson and Kathy Greene
- Stephanie Sheron/Monifa McKnight
- Rushcelle Rueben
- Amena Johnson: MoCo Govt LGBTQ Liaison

PRIORITIES FOR NEXT YEAR

- Work to expand PD/Training opportunities for MCPS stakeholders
- Continue to work closely with other committees (H&S, Curriculum, SafeTech) and the DEI Committee to promote our work as truly cross-cutting all of MCCPTA
- Hold multiple Forums/Meetings, focusing on LGBTQ matters — including the annual Town Hall

FINANCIAL REQUESTS FOR NEXT YEAR

- Budgeted \$1,900.00 and spent about half that amount
- Since there will be more opportunities for in-person events post-COVID, it is suggested to request about the same amount and work to spend it.