**MCCPTA Health and Wellness Committee**

**October, 2021 Report**

**Health and Wellness Committee Meeting: October 11, 2021**

* Claire Rosche Matzzie gave an update on advisory board meeting
* Nutrition Subcommittee: Lynne Amano was out of town
* Substance Use Subcommittee: Laura Mitchell gave a brief update
  + Handle with care (trauma recognition)
  + Setting up meetings with PTA’s
* Environmental Health Subcommittee : Hannah Donart gave an update
  + Indoor air quality
  + Water quality:
    - Installation of hydration stations in first 30 schools
    - Water fountains are turned on at individual school’s discretion
  + Safer cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting:
    - Still waiting for a meeting with Veronicka Hill
* Mental Health Subcommittee update
* Still need a subcommittee chair

**Environmental Health Subcommittee Advocacy efforts and outreach:**

* Meeting on October 7 with Seth Adams and Lynne Zarate, MCCPS, Hannah Donart, Laura Stewart, Dustin Pooppendieck, Joanne Snyder, and Yeages Cowan
  + The main takeaways and action items from the meeting are below
    - Seth agreed to pilot CO2 monitoring program
    - Hannah and Laura will provide edits on water quality letter to Lynne
    - Seth and Lynne will add to IAQ FAQ to address concerns about additional portable air filters in classrooms
    - Joanna and Seth will work on outdoor infrastructure list and what to do when buying materials (picnic tables, tents, etc.)
* October 11 Meeting with Marc Elrich and Earl Stoddard on IAQ and CO2 monitoring in schools and 5-11 vaccinations
  + CO2 monitoring is in county and state guidelines
  + General support for MCPS CO2 monitoring to trouble shoot and prioritize mitigation for classrooms with poor ventilation
  + Earl Stoddard agreed to join next Environmental Health Workgroup meeting
  + Vaccines for children 5-11:
    - Unclear how many doses of vaccines will be available for children ages 5-11 when first approved.
    - The county is working on prioritizing Black and Brown communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic and those that are medically higher risk.
* Hannah Donart attended School Health Council Meeting on September 27
* October 6 SME workgroup meeting:
  + Discussed MCPS diagnostic and random screening testing, contact tracing, and quarantine policies