**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