



Down County Consortium Area Vice President Report

March 2021

Board Position: **Down County Consortium Area Vice President**

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**We are recruiting for cluster coordinators from each cluster.
No experience required. Apply today!**

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Cluster Coordinator	Wheaton	Nell Rumbaugh (Acting)	wheaton@mccpta.org
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Activities of Note

- Contributed to the creation and presentation of the February PTA Engage! discussion of the SRO program and assisted with the collation and dissemination of the recording, chat, survey results and other supporting materials.
- Attended the Wheaton High School PTSA meeting on February 16th to explain the operating budget process and assisted with the preliminary SRO discussion.
- Assisted Wheaton CC Chris Rutledge with the election of officers at Harmony Hills ES PTA. We will continue to work with the officers to get Harmony Hills PTA functional and compliant.
- Acting Wheaton CC Nell Rumbaugh assisted Viers Mill PTA in recruiting electing volunteers for their PTA board!
- Recruited Oriole Saah to serve as a Wheaton CC to replace Nell Rumbaugh who has termed out. A meeting to approve the nominee will be scheduled as soon as possible.
- Kennedy CC, Therese Gibson is working closely with the Kennedy HS PTSA to clean up their financial reporting and get them SOCA compliant. They have a strong group of volunteers working hard to redeem the PTSA now that they have the checkbook back from the former President. They are missing



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documentation for much of the last year which will make reconciliation a challenge. We will continue to support them in their efforts.

- Brookhaven ES continues to work on their financial review and SOCA requirements. I am in regular contact with the President. They are going to submit proof of payment for MCCPTA dues last year that were not noted as paid on the recently circulated list. The current year dues were remitted and recorded.

Next DCC Area Meeting: April 3, 2021

The DCC Cluster Coordinators and PT(S)A Presidents will meet on April 3, 2021.

Tentative Agenda:

- Cluster Coordinators needed
 - Einstein (2), Kennedy (2), Northwood (1), Wheaton (1)
 - Several clusters have “acting” CCs because they have exceeded their 4-year term limits. Virtual meeting and election constraints made replacing these CCs challenging. Now that we are able to elect replacements in virtual meetings, we are actively seeking new CCs.
- Cluster Coordinator Duties and Expectations
- Maryland PTA Updates
 - Guidance on electronic meetings and voting
- MSDE proposed changes to graduation requirements
- VP of Advocacy, Laura Stewart
 - Woodward HS Update
 - Safe Buildings Update
- Monthly PTA Engage! Sessions
- What makes your PT(S)A special?
 - Community Resource Hubs
 - Membership incentive ideas & resources
 - Engagement Ideas – Parents, Staff & Students
 - Staff motivation ideas
 - Fundraising ideas

The discussion of what DCC schools are doing to help families in this environment was robust and inspiring. Many emphasized the opportunity, and need, to replicate the local school efforts countywide in coordination with MCPS.

School PT(S)A leaders are writing summaries of what they are doing, how they are doing it, what partnerships they have established and where there are opportunities for other partnerships and coordination with MCPS. We will hold a special meeting just to discuss these efforts. We plan to create a document to share with other areas, clusters, and schools. We also discussed putting together a video



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of all the great things our PT(S)As are doing in hopes that promoting our efforts inspires other ideas, more participation and, hopefully, more membership so that we can help even more MCPS families.

- MCPS (virtual learning/hybrid learning)
 - First students return March 1, next groups on March 15, and March 29
- Next Meetings & Events
- Upcoming PT(S)A meetings