

**PTA Council of Howard County General Meeting
September 6, 2016 at Homewood School**

Called to order at 7:34 pm by President, Reg Avery, Quorum was verified.

Mission of PTA was read by Ricardo Morales, Exec VP

Pledge of Allegiance

Officers were sworn in by Maryland PTA president Elizabeth Ysla Light

Welcomed visiting Board of Education members Cindy Vaillancourt, Bess Altwerger, Ellen Flynn Giles, and Christine O'Connor.

Minutes from June 2016 were read and approved

Treasurer's Report was presented as written and proposed budget was approved.

Executive VP Report by Ricardo Morales:

PTACHC Goals and focus for 2016-17 power point presentation was given and will be posted on the www.ptachc.org under the Meeting tab.

Local PTA Meeting Dates: Delegates were asked to send their local meeting dates so a council officer can attend the local meeting.

Superintendent Dr Foose welcomed delegates and spoke about visiting 64 schools in the first week.

IEQ -Indoor Environmental Quality power point presentation was given by Gina Massella and is posted on the council website under the meeting tab. The web address for IEQ is: <http://www.hcpss.org/parents/environmental-committee/>

Ed Light of Building Dynamics, IEQ management independent contractor for air quality of HCPSS school buildings. He talked about the review of environmental process of the schools. All findings and updates should be posted on the school website and a parent can check on their own school's report from that IEQ page. The web address is:

<http://www.hcpss.org/parents/environmental-committee/#reports>

Cultural Proficiency - Ron Morris, director of elem. Ed. Mr. Morris presented the program on diversity and inclusion. The presentation is posted on councils website.

Board of Education Liaison Report: Christine O'Connor welcomed and reported that she visited 62 schools in the first week. She hopes that has a wonderful school year and to email the BOE at boe@hcpss.org with any questions or concerns

Community Advisory Council President Jen Mallo reported on the CAC. The CAC meets monthly to provide community members the opportunity to learn about and offer input on issues of concern to the school system. Each PTA is invited to send a rep to attend the CAC meetings. Meeting dates are listed on the school calendar.

Homewood principal Tina Maddox and Suzanne McMurtray spoke about the Homewood programs and how PTAs can assist Homewood students and staff. Homewood does not have a PTA because of the nature of the school programs. Contact Suzanne_mcmurtray@hcpss.org. 410-313-7081 for further information. More info on the Council's website

VP of Issues Report: Keefe Hogan reported that a rep from PTACHC was needed for HCPSS Policy 2010 review committee is needed. Further information contact vpissues@ptachc.org

Upcoming Events: Sept 26 will be a Meet and Greet of local presidents. Evite coming soon

APFO (Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance) Report by Brent Loveless

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/About-HoCo/County-Executive/Adequate-public-facilities-ordinance-task-force>

New Business:

Boosterathon: One PTA reported that their principal said that the principal must sign the contract and the money goes to the school. Is this true? Further information will be forthcoming.

School Yearbooks: PTAs are being told that all yearbook work must be done on the school computers. BOE member Ellen Giles said that it was because of FERPA privacy act that it must be done in the school.

Seeking: Reflections Arts and After Prom chairs to coordinate those programs is needed.

More information? Email Jane at the council office: office@ptachc.org

Action Items for the future:

- Discussion topics for this year, let us know –
- CAC looking for PTA participation from each school (2hr/month)
- Homewood Request for Assistance – We are looking for 3 committee chairs
- Policy Committee – Adequate Public Facilities – APFO Rules
- Need Volunteer for PTACHC committees

Minutes submitted by Jane Holcomb