

Meeting Take Aways

November 6, 2017

Call to order 7:30 PM

Adjourned 8:50 PM

Superintendent Report

James LeMon: James_lemon@hcpss.org , Executive Director of Community, Parent and School Outreach

- There will be Town Hall meetings with open Q/A with Dr. Martirano:
- Nov 29th 2017 7:00 pm Atholton HS
- Jan 23rd 2018 7:00 pm River Hill
- May 8th 2018 7:00 pm Mt. Hebron
- Community Cabinet Meeting – March 2018

Superintendent's report/Q&A

- Events on bullying will be held at more middle & high schools as well as elementary schools.
- If a student is caught with drugs, HCPSS follows school policy (a progressive policy based on repeat occurrence; they do suspension, depending on the drug quantity) The School has no input on law enforcement. Law enforcement will follow law.
- HCPSS has drug education in curriculum.

Board of Education Liaison

Mavis Ellis: mavis_ellis@hcpss.org

- Redistricting: Board has been meeting.
- For the latest recommendations see board docs & school planning on Board of Education website.

Attendance Area Adjustment work sessions:

Held in Board room & will be televised

Nov. 8, 2017 5:30 pm

Nov. 9, 2017 – 7:30 pm

Nov 14, 2017 – 7:30 pm

No decisions have been made for school start times:

Check agenda or call the board office if you have questions.

Thursday 3:30 pm, Superintendent will meet with board chairs regarding school start times.

Board of Education Liaison - cont.

- Hiring new superintendent- see the survey for input from community for characteristics for new superintendent.

There will be two meetings to gather information, no dates set yet.

- APFO hearing is tonight, Nov. 6 - Board of Education recommendation came out today, but Mavis had not seen them yet.

SECAC Liaison Report

SECAC - Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee

- Laurie Scott secachair@gmail.com and howardcountyseacac.com

Nov 27th is their next meeting

- They are getting feedback that kids with special needs (IEP are leaving class early since they need extra time and they are missing 5 min. of instructions. Take information back to PTA's for discussion.
- Strategic planning process 5 focus areas: staffing, training, instruction, practices IEP (Individual Education Program) process, social skills. Ask your parents to comment on these key focus areas, see SECAC website to comment. Tell your PTA's they need this feedback.
- Job descriptions regarding special education, need more details. Currently have general descriptions, so this is part of their initiative to work on.
- Inclusive Schools Week: Dec 4th - 8th see Inclusiveschools.org
This year's theme is Stand Up Sit Tall for Inclusion.

HCDrug Free presentation

Joan Webb: joan@hcdrugfree.org - How we can better partner and combine resources regarding opioid education.

- Medication storage boxes have been distributed free; so far they have given out some approx. 2,000
- Please safely store your medication to hide away from kids, you can use fire boxes, safes, other locked cabinets.
- Please don't keep medication in kitchen or bathroom
- Drug Take Back Day held Saturday, Oct. 28th in Wilde Lake Village Center collected 1212 pounds of medication. It is held every 6 months on the National Drug Take Back Day (DEA sets dates)
- They also collect sharps! We don't want them in landfill.
- Watch out for ways teens can be keeping drugs – vodka in water-bottles, raspberry candy, etc.
- Jan. 1 - Nov. 5, 2017 – Overdoses in Howard county: fatal – 45; non-fatal - 141
- Sign up for their newsletter

Committee Update

Legislative: Donna Sudbrook-
legislative@ptachc.org

- Kirwan Commission – more info coming soon
 - Continuing to seek feedback to see how the community wants to prioritize spending on
 - a. All day pre-kindergarten
 - b. Charter schools
 - c. New school construction/maintenance
- A survey is being developed
- State delegation will attend PTACHC Dec. meeting.

Committee Update

Policy update: Shell Crawford -
policy@ptachc.org

- Please send email to Shell if you have any questions or want to be on a policy committee
- Policy 1070 on hold- student policy – immigration (meetings will be 2018)
- Policy 820 – Grading at high school; open if you are interested – Nov. 16, 4-6 pm in BOE
- Policy 450 – Procurement at schools (repairs and other)

Committee Update

Scholarship: Yetti Lipede-vpissues@ptachc.org

- Please help fund PTACHC scholarships as all donations are awarded to students who apply for the scholarships.
- Send donations to PTACHC
- Contact Yetti if you have any questions.

Future Dates/ Meetings:

- November 7: Public Hearing Redistricting, River Hill HS
- November 8: Attendance Area Adjustment Public Work session 5:30 PM
- November 9: Attendance Area Adjustment Public Work session 7:30 PM
- November 14: Attendance Area Adjustment Public Work session 7:30 PM
- November 13 - 17th – American Education Week

Future Dates/ Meetings cont.

December 4th: PTACHC General Membership Meeting 7:30 PM, Homewood Cafeteria:
Homewood County Delegation will be our special Guest to talk about education related legislation.