

# PTA Council General Meeting Takeaways

April 9, 2018

# Treasurer's Report

Laurie Ramey, PTACHC Treasurer

- Presented Treasurer's report
- 2 PTA's have not yet paid PTACHC dues
- PTACHC has filed Personal Property Return

OBRC – No report

- April 10, 2018, 7:00 pm - Public hearing on capital budget will be held.
- Vicky Cutroneo made a motion to take a formal position on funding the proposed Howard County Public School System budget now before County Executive and County Council to restore class size to current levels.

# President's report

Vicky Cutroneo: PTACHC President

- April 11 – Equitable and Effective Discipline Practices meeting at Hammond High School 6:45-8:45 PM
- Grace's Closet – Collecting coats and winter wear & teacher swap supplies. Currently there are 3 portables for storage. HCC & school counselors will help.

# Legislative Report

Donna Sudbrook – PTACHC Legislative Chair

- Donna will provide updated information in May

# Board of Education Report

Christina Delmont- Small – BOE Member

- April 10 and April 24, 2018: Board of Education (BOE) meetings
- April 11, 2018 Equitable and Effective Discipline Practices Meeting.
- April 24, 2018 BOE Public hearing on Capital and Operating budgets
- April 25, 2018 County Council budget hearing
- June 7, 2018 Redistricting Feasibility study
- June 7, 2018 Public hearing on Sexual Discrimination Policy
- Discussion on redistricting process led by Christina Delmont-Small, Cindy Vallaincourt and Kirsten Coombs. They will be looking at how to have a better process.
- Discussion regarding revisiting Talbot Springs rebuild. An extreme renovation is sufficient according to State. Their decision was appealed, and BOE is waiting to see response to appeal.

# APFO –Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance

Brent Loveless -

- [APFO Update handout](#)
- Sec 16 of Subdivision Regs effective April 16, 2018  
School thresholds of 115% High, 110% Middle, 105% Elementary.
- There is a list of school surcharge fees currently being assessed.
- \$64 million is owed in bonds as of April 9, 2018
- Presubmission hearing on the development of the Milk Producers property on Leishear Road will be held April 12, 2018.

# Sandy Hook Promise Program

Karen Herren - Promise Leader of HoCo Maryland  
Sandy Hook Promise

- Their mission is to prevent tragedies from happening again.
- Know the Signs Programs:
  1. Say Something
  2. Start with Hello
  3. Safety Assessment and Intervention
  4. Signs of Suicide (SOS)
- Northfield Elementary implemented Start with Hello program
- She recently met with HCPSS and they are working on updating safety program for HCPSS.

# Sandy Hook Promise Program (cont.)

- Video presentation of Say Something program  
Watch the power point on PTACHC website or go to Sandy Hook Promise website  
[www.sandyhookpromise.org](http://www.sandyhookpromise.org)
- Research shows that there are warning signs before tragedy happens.
- Students are sometimes not going to school because they do not feel safe.
- Schools are not immune to violence, but they can improve and we can do something.
- Sign up for HoCo Sandy Hook Promise on Facebook



# Allan Kittleman (County Executive)

Question & Answer Session with Allan Kittleman and PTACHC audience

- Questions received involved redistricting and development, new high school #13, rebuild of Talbot Springs ES, increased police presence in schools, World Language program and budgeting issues.

# Upcoming Important Dates:

- April 10<sup>th</sup>: Board of Education meeting at 4 pm and 7:30 pm
- April 10<sup>th</sup>: County Council meeting: Public Hearing on Capital Budget
- April 11<sup>th</sup>: Equitable and Effective Discipline Practices meeting, Long Reach HS, 6:45-8:45pm
- April 25<sup>th</sup>: County Council budget hearing
- April 30<sup>th</sup>: Community Advisory Council Meeting, 7pm: mental health, wrap around services in HCPSS
- May 7<sup>th</sup>: PTACHC Monthly Meeting, 7:30pm
- June 7, 2018 Redistricting Feasibility study
- June 7, 2018 Public hearing on Sexual Discrimination Policy
  
- Meeting adjourned 9:03 pm