

PTACHC General Meeting Takeaways

September 4, 2018

Priorities 2018-2019

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- Data Policy
- Electronic communications audit
- Website FAQ
- Bylaw Updates
- Transition checklist

Treasurer's Report

- Meg Ricks – Treasurer –treasurer@ptachc.org
- Motion was made to approve Treasurer's summer expenses for 2018.
- PTACHC Proposed Budget 2018-19:
 1. Motion made & passed to amend proposed budget to increase amount spent to attend MDPTA convention.
 2. Proposed Budget approved as amended.

Volunteers & PTACHC Vacancies

- PTACHC has several open positions and will also need volunteers for committees.
- Updated information and announcements will be posted on PTACHC website (www.ptachc.org).

Priority Survey

- Beth Gettleman – executivevp@ptachc.org
- PTACHC will be sending out a survey re your priorities.
- Benefits of being part of a PTA:
 1. Insurance coverage through MDPTA
 2. MDPTA program training

PTA Phishing

- Howard County Consumer Protection (Beth Silverman)

www.howardcountymd.gov/consumer

Ms. Silverman's office is available to speak to your school or PTA meetings if you contact them.

Local PTAs and PTACHC have been receiving phishing emails, asking for money. They look as if they are from the president or another PTA member. Make sure the emails are legitimate.

1. Hover over the email address to see where they are actually from.
2. All payments must be by check only.
3. All PTA checks must have 2 signatures.
4. Call person it is from to verify request.

Candidate's Forum

- November 6, 2018 is Election Day. PTA Council is looking at partnering with another educational group to host a candidate's forum. The forum will be recorded and broadcast online.
- Need volunteers to help

Legislative

- Donna Sudbrook has accepted the Legislative chair for PTACHC.
- Discussion items:
 1. APFO- Structuring of fees related to property transactions can affect APFO
 2. Fees: Building, Excise fee, Transfer tax
 3. State matching formulas may be changing
 4. Adjacent counties compared to Howard County; Howard county builders pay less than other counties to build
 5. Lots of factors affect how much of the funds from properties are provided to schools.
 6. You need to know the cost to build
 - Fees come from builders, buyers and sellers.
 - Operating costs come from income and property taxes

Board of Education Report

- Governor Hogan wants to legislate a committee to make sure the schools are held accountable.
- Electronic tip system for anonymous reporting hotline about schools.
- BOE on 9/6/2018 will be discussing overcrowding options. See handout from BOE.

HCPSS High School Overcrowding Options

- Information:
<https://www.hcpss.org/f/schoolplanning/2018-08-23-relieve-hs-overcrowding-presentation.pdf>
- Public testimony at BOE Sept. 11, 2018, 7 PM or send written testimony to BOE.
<https://www.hcpss.org/board/meeting-participation/>
- Motion made and passed for PTACHC not to take a formal position regarding overcrowding in Howard County high schools. Each PTA can address their concerns with HCPSS.

SECAC Report

Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee
(SECAC) - Beth Stolte

- Ask your PTA members to be SECAC representative. Contact Beth at efinn9701@hotmail.com if interested.

Wrap-Up

- Local PTAs asked to give status, issues, updates on what they have been doing.
- Next General meeting October 1, 2018 at Homewood School
- Next PTACHC Board Meeting September 5, 2018

Adjourn: 9:16 PM