

PTACHC General Meeting Takeaways

October 1, 2018

7:30 PM

Announcements

- Brent Loveless – PTACHC President
- Tues., Oct. 9 @ 7:30 pm BOE meets with PTA Presidents & CAC
- Wed., Oct. 10 @ 4:30 pm – BOE/County Council Quarterly meeting
- Thurs., Oct. 11 @ 4 pm - BOE work session re options for high school overcrowding
- Thurs., Oct. 18, @ 4 & 7 pm - BOE regular meetings- Administrative Agenda – Options to relieve high school overcrowding
- Tue., October 23 @ 7 pm - Community meeting with PTACHC
- Thurs., Nov. 15, regular meeting- reception for outgoing board members
- See Board Docs at <https://www.hcpss.org/board/>

Treasurer's Report

- Meg Ricks – Treasurer
- Check Treasurer's Timeline on PTACHC Website for items due
- Additional treasurer's trainings forthcoming and will be on Facebook and PTACHC website
- Important dates to remember:
- October 1 - Send Membership dues to MD PTA
- October 31 - Financial Review due to MDPTA
- November 1 - Send Membership dues of \$170 to PTACHC
- November 15 - Form 990 or 990EZ is due to IRS & MD PTA

Secretary

- Brett Sovereign – secretary@ptachc.org
- Minutes of Previous Month (September 2018) were reviewed and approved.

Superintendent's Report

- Mr. James LeMon - Executive Director of Community, Parent and School Outreach

List of advisory groups that need volunteers:

- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Group
- ESP Advisory Group
- Mental Health Community Subcabinet
- Program Innovation Advisory Board
- Special Education Advisory Council
- Student Advisory Council
- Teacher Advisory Group
- For more information, please go to:
<https://www.hcpss.org/superintendent/advisory/>

HCEA (Howard County Education Association) Update

- Colleen Morris, President
- Film “Innocence Stolen: Protecting our Children Online”.

HCEA & HCPSS presentation about the range of threats students face when they go online.

Wed., Oct. 10th 6 - 8 pm:

Jim Rouse Theatre for the Performing Arts

5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia, MD

- To register: bit.ly/protectinghowardstudents

PTACHC Survey Results 2018-2019

Beth Gettleman executivevp@ptachc.org

- 60% of responses came from local PTA members
- Overcrowding was the most important issue
- Second & third were increasing funding and addressing security in schools.
- What do you think PTACHC does best? Educating PTA's & Advocating for Improvements.
- What can PTACHC do better? Building support, advocating for improvements, training local PTA volunteers
- The Survey is still open for another week, please encourage your local PTA's to respond.

Jump Start

- See www.hcpss.org/jumpstart

Dr. Caroline Walker HCPSS Executive Director of Program Innovation and Student Well-Being and Mr. Bill Barnes, HCPSS Chief Academic Officer

- Program offers the option to earn college credit while in high school.
- Students are enrolled from all 12 high schools
- Classes are taught at all high schools with more options available at Oakland Mills and River Hill.
- 15 students graduated with 30 college classes last year.
- MD state law was passed in 2013 to get more students gain college classes in high school.
- Jump start is also being used to try to relieve some overcrowding.

Jump Start Q &A

Q & A

- Where can we go to find what courses are offered?

<https://www.hcpss.org/jumpstart/>

- Has there been analysis of diversity (race/gender)?

Yes, but did not attract many students with disabilities. Currently looking for career paths that HCPSS has not offered, but there may be interest for.

- Is the program open for all students or just GT students?

It is open to all, but they have to qualify for the course.

- How many years has Howard County offered dual enrollment?

Since 2013

Jump Start Q&A

- Who is paying for this program?

All materials & transportation are provide for all students.

- Free & reduced meal students (FARMS) pay 0 tuition; non FARMS families pay 50% tuition
- There are additional fees for textbooks for students enrolled at HCC.
- HCC's current academic year tuition rates and fees are available at howardcc.edu/pay.

Board of Education

Christina Delmont-Small BOE Member

- Public Hearing: October 18th on 2019-2020 Calendar

Action: November 1, 2018

- See hand out from BOE re: Actions taken by BOE on 9/20/2018 Board Meeting (approved and failed motions)

These can be viewed via Board Docs at HCPSS website

- New Board Members take office in December

Board of Education (continued)

- Question: What question would you ask state delegation regarding overcrowding?

When development expansion is reviewed, school needs are not considered. This should be included in the Howard County general plan.

Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance Basics (APFO)

- Brent Loveless - PTACHC President
- Without PTA members advocating for effective APFO policies, the situation would be worse.
- Most counties in MD have APFO law, so that there are there are proper public facilities (police, education, fire, water, etc.).
- APFO – is a regulation in Section 16 of subdivision code of Howard County.

APFO Basics (continued)

- APFO regulates amount and location of growth
- APFO is a key factor in determining if redistricting is needed or when it should occur.
- IAC construction, housing policy, subdivision exemptions, spending affordability, etc. have effect on APFO
- Next APFO review is in 3 - 4 years
- General Plan is reviewed every 10 years.
- Idea from Christina-Delmont Small:

Have Development Polygons – When a community is built and capacity level is reached, then the entire new development will go to a school in another location.

Audience Update

- Waterloo Elementary School Named 2018 National Blue Ribbon School
- Manor Woods Elementary able to get everyone out of trailers due to redistricting.

Adjourn

- Next General meeting November 5, 2018 at Homewood School
- Next PTACHC Board Meeting October 3, 2018

Adjourn: 9:16 PM

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