

PTACHC General Meeting Takeaways

November 5, 2018

United States Army Presentation

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March 2 Success Program: provides education tools and materials to help improve knowledge and test scores for middle and high school students. Not a recruitment tool.

- Free for students
- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is a multiple-choice test that helps students identify which Army or Military Occupation is for them.
- The Concurrent Admissions Program (ConAP) is a partnership between the Army Recruiting Command and approved colleges that links Future Soldiers to a ConAP college when they enlist in the Army or Army Reserve.

Treasurer's Report

Meg Ricks – Treasurer, treasurer@ptachc.org

- Matta Zeinali presented treasurer's report.
- Question: What amount of PTACHC dues were not yet collected this year?
- Answer: Almost half has been received so far.
- Make sure your dues and insurance are paid to be considered in good standing.

Executive VP Report

Beth Gettleman – PTACHC Executive VP

- Volunteers are needed for PTACHC committees:
 1. Scholarship committee
 2. Policy review committee

If interested contact Beth Gettleman,
ExecutiveVP@ptachc.org

- Use of School Facilities - No big changes are being discussed. More formal meeting will be in April

Committees / Announcements

PTACHC Survey – The top 2 items were:

- Diversity & Inclusion
- Bullying

Question – Is there a committee for After Prom?

Answer – PTACHC will be forming one

Contact PTACHC if you are interested

Superintendent Report

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

1. HCPSS Career Academies Information Session -
“Focus on Your Future,” an information session
for secondary students and parents.

November 8th & December 11th at ARL from
7-9 p.m., 10920 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City.

For more information:

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

Superintendent Report

2. HCPSS Department of Special Education Resource Workshop
Discussion about special education resources
To be held at Long Reach High School Media Center
Monday, Nov. 12, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
3. GT Parent Academy
Thursday Nov. 8, 7 pm - 8:30 PM at Mt. Hebron High School.
4. HCPSS has partnered with the Horizon Foundation to improve mental health services to students as well as to develop an innovative nutrition program.

All HCPSS announcements and events are posted online at :
<https://news.hcpss.org/>

Horizon Foundation Presentation

- Founded 20 years ago
- Largest independent health philanthropy in MD
- Improving health through innovative initiatives, partnerships, grantmaking, and advocacy.
- 3 strategic priority areas:
 1. Healthy kids and activities, nutrition, family health
 2. Mental health, aging and social isolation in older adults
 3. Racial equity and advocacy

Horizon Foundation (cont.)

Focus in schools:

- Wellness policy in schools
- School food, including breakfasts
- School sports programs
- Head Start Program

Through a grant, HCPSS will be expanding school based mental health services in pilot schools this year.

Horizon Foundation (cont.)

Seeking organizational partners to help with those seeking mental health services by:

- Removing barriers to transportation
- Removing/lowering costs
- Increasing accessibility for families
- Collaborating with and supporting pediatricians

There are 2 opportunities for Grants.

- Criteria: Must be a 501c3 organization and have goal of improving health & wellness of Howard County residents.
- Proposals must be submitted using online grants system:
- <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=horizon>
- Deadline to submit application is Dec. 7, 2018.

Legislative Report

Brent Loveless – PTACHC President,
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PTACHC/BOE meeting in October 2018:

- Overcrowding issue came up
- Hot topics: mitigation legislation
- Developing and defining a fully funded budget
- After Prom - liabilities
- HCPSS wants increased focus on mental health
- Jump start will be maintained

Legislative Report (continued)

Mitigation

- PTACHC has endorsed a position that growth mitigation for enrollment should match actual costs.
- Recommend delegates go to their local PTA's and poll them for this
- There is a proposal for a rate change, for a one time significant rate change and change in who has control of the rates.

Legislative Report (continued)

Downtown Columbia school site

- CEPA - give us some amenities for more density
- They have to provide a school site
- HCPSS has option to accept the school site
- Currently transfer taxes fund the school sites
- Planning Board meeting for school site: Thursday, Nov. 8
- DPZ is recommending an alternative compliance at a November 6 planning board hearing
- DPZ is utilizing a different enrollment projection methodology in the decision making process

Legislative Report (continued)

Talbott Springs Elementary School

- The Maryland IAC announced it will match funds for a rebuild of Talbott Springs.
- The IAC may have approved matching, but the matching formulas are under consideration for change for each Maryland county.
- State Matching for Howard County is currently 55% of specified costs.

Legislative Report (continued)

High School 13 & 14

- Pre-submission meeting to discuss a DRRA submittal on November
- Elkridge High Task Force Report: UPS facility and Troy Park were recommended to the BOE for future acquisition.

MD Question #1 Lockbox

- Question on ballot for Nov. 6
- PTACHC does not endorse any candidate or position

Legislative Report (continued)

Policy 6020 school planning construction

- HCPSS updated policy 6020 which governs portions of school construction
- Several terms were updated
- BOE instructed superintendent to review language about relocatable classrooms

Wrap Up

- Communicate, keep your PTA aware of local actions
- ACT, Testify, Write, Contribute, Vote but work within PTA bylaws
- Find opportunities for improvement, set goals, improve policy and process, educate and inform stakeholders.

Announcements

- Next General meeting - December 3, 2018
- BOE Meeting – Oath of Office for new board members Dec. 3, 4:00 pm, BOE building

Adjourn: 9:12 PM

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