

PTACHC General Meeting Takeaways

February 4, 2019

Call to order 7:35 PM

Beth Gettleman- executivevp@ptachc.org

Treasurer's Report

Meg Ricks – Treasurer - treasurer@ptachc.org

- Contribution received from a local school for Homewood School.
- MDPTA good standing seminars are being conducted. For info, email info@mdpta.org
- PTACHC dues were due on November 1st, follow up to see if your school paid
- 1099 Misc. form due date passed; but file now if you have not done so
- Personal Property report due in April.

Superintendent's Report

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

- Free and reduced meals increased due to Federal shutdown
- Summer school registration has started
- Map Testing is this month (February)
- Early Childhood Programs to promote school readiness; please see website:

<https://www.hcpss.org/early-childhood/>

- Applications for Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB) are due February

HCEA Report

(Howard County Education Association)

Colleen Morris – President, HCEA

- March 11, 2019 - statewide school funding rally in Annapolis. Supporting improved school funding formula and response to Kirwan Commission recommendations. See HCEA website for more information
- PTACHC: Motion made & passed for PTACHC to support HCEA efforts to provide appropriate funding for all Public Schools.

Watch D.O.G.S.

(Dads of Great Students)

Presentation by Watch D.O.G.S. Representative
Joe Smaw joe_smaw@yahoo.com

- website: <https://dadsofgreatstudents.com/>

Also see PTACHC website (ptachc.org) for handouts

Q: Does insurance cover dads?

A: Not from Watch D.O.G.S. but through school or PTA

Q: Are background checks done?

A: Lobby Guard check in at school is used

HCPSS volunteer rules apply so check with your
school guidance counselor office.

Watch D.O.G.S. (Continued)

Q: Are moms involved?

A: Moms are involved in getting it organized and bringing the dads

Q: Is admin support included?

A: Yes, contact Watch D.O.G.S.

Q: How many dads do you need to sustain the group.

A: One dad who recruits volunteers

OBRC Report

Laurie Ramey, PTACHC OBRC Representative

OBRC@ptachc.org

- Jan 23rd- PTACHC meeting with OBRC discussed the budget process
- Feb 5th work session and Feb 7th work session
- See board docs for more information and or to watch the recorded sessions. Feedback needed on the HCPSS Proposed Operating Budget
- View proposal and list of meetings online
- Opportunities for public testimony to be announced.

Board of Education Report

Jen Mallo - Howard County Board of Education Member
(BOE@hcpss.org)

- HCEA (Howard County Education Association) and HCEA ESP (Education Support Professionals); both agreements provide revised salary scales
- Howard County may not have extra \$120 Million extra available from County Council; so may need the funds from the State for the HCPSS Operating budget for Fiscal Year 2020.
- Public hearing on proper emergency response policy (covers weather to active shooter)
- See website for hearing dates and testimony sign up.
- Feedback to BoE, email BOE@hcpss.org

BOE Report - Continued

Policy 6010 Redistricting- revised in 2016. The attendance area committee is an advisory committee.

Q: Is there anything in the budget for replacing the technology which is mandated for testing?

A: Yes

Moms Demand Action Presentation

Lisa Siano, lsianoesq@gmail.com

Nicole Berger, hocomomsdemand@gmail.com

Be SMART Campaign – non-partisan grassroots group

- Promotes responsible gun ownership
- Aims to reduce child gun deaths
- Promotes awareness of safe gun storage
- For more information, see handouts on PTACHC website (meeting tab)
- Website: www.BeSmartforkids.org

Legislative Update

Brent Loveless - president@ptachc.org

- Brent would like PTACHC to track the County and State legislations.
- New bills can be seen on HC delegate website
- Transfer taxes bill - 1/3 goes to acquisition for local schools.

Some issues/bills to be aware of:

- School redistricting
- School start times
- Impact fees
- PTACHC successful last year to not increase class size

Adjourn

- Next General Meeting Monday, 3/4/2019
- Next Board Meeting Wednesday, 2/5/2019
- Maryland PTA Night In Annapolis, 2/7/2019, 6-8 PM

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Adjourn: 9:04 PM

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