

PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC)
Second General Meeting 2 October, 2019

Board Attendees:

1. Brent Loveless, President
2. Trina Thames, VP Operations
3. Lisa Soto, VP Issues
4. Joseph Griffin, Treasurer
5. Meg Ricks, Chair, Policy Committee
6. Tonya Tiffany, Chair, Legislative Committee

Meeting was called to order: 7:34 pm. Quorum was confirmed.

Homewood Center Pantry: Homewood Center is an alternative school for grades 6-12 students who have not performed well in other HC schools. As such, it does not have a PTA, and relies on assistance from the Council and other HC PTAs. It is requesting donations to its pantry. See [Homewood Pantry](#) for details. It also has a Holiday Recycled Treasures Sale (students earn credits to purchase gifts for family and friends) and will be asking for help with this as well.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Joseph Griffin reporting. September report of expenses. MD PTA is reviewing the rules for the use of gift cards. Cards should be no more than \$25 each, and the recipient should be tracked on a ledger. Exact details will be forthcoming soon.

Secretary's Report: Prior meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

BOE, HCEA Report: No report.

SECAC Report: Lisa Soto reporting. SECAC is Howard County Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee (SECAC), and advises the school system on the needs of students with disabilities. See the distributed flier or <https://howardcountysecac.com> for information.

MD PTA Report: Sarah Mugo, Maryland VP for Membership reporting. MemberHub software for MD PTA membership (electronic ID card replacement) will be online by the end of the month. There will be training online. She recommended to hold off issuing paper id cards, if possible, as there will be mechanism to add members who have already paid to the system.

Policy Committee Report: Meg Ricks, Policy Chair, reporting. PTACHC needs representatives to committees that are reviewing policies. Currently under review: 1050 Tobacco-Free Environment; 9230 1080 Educational Equity (working title -new); 4010-4020 Donation and Fundraising; 4030 Activity Funds; 7000 Workforce Diversity; 7020 Nepotism; 7120 Coaches and Advisors of High School Extracurricular Activities; 8050 Teaching Controversial Issues; 8080 Responsible Use of Technology and Social Media; 8090 Non-School-Hour Curricular Programs (2-year review); 8100 Field Trips; 9010 Attendance; 9230 Alcohol, Other Drugs, Prescription Medication and Over-the-Counter Products. See <https://www.hcpss.org/board/policies/> for a comprehensive list. Contact Meg Ricks at policy@ptachc.org if interested in becoming involved.

Title 1 Briefing: Amy Tieperman, Program Manager Title 1; Caroline Walker, Executive Director, program Innovation and Student Well-Being. Reviewed the background, purpose, and legal requirements/restrictions for Title 1.

Legislative Updates: President Loveless and Legislative Chair Tiffany reporting. At the state level, next year's bills will be proposed in the near term. CB42-2019 is under consideration to adjust the school facilities surcharge for development. PTACHC board will be providing a template for advocating to increase the facilities surcharge; as developers are, at the moment, the main voice being heard. This is a very short turn-around, as the bill is scheduled to be considered Monday October 7th. Legislative documents and other related links can be found at [PTACHC website, Legislative tab](#).

CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov for written testimony.

Meeting adjourned: 9:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday 4 November 2019 Homewood School at 7:30 pm

Associated Documents: Minutes from 3 September General Meeting, Meeting agenda, Treasurer's Report.

Minutes taken by Brett Sovereign, Secretary