

PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC)
First General Meeting 1 September, 2020

Board Attendees:

1. Brent Loveless, President
2. Lisa Soto, Vice President, Issues
3. Trina Thames, Vice President, Operations
4. Brett Sovereign, Secretary
5. Tonya Tiffany, Chair, Legislative Committee

Meeting was called to order: 7:05 pm. Meeting was held outside the Homewood School with masks and distancing. Quorum was confirmed by the Secretary -- 42 Local PTA delegates and Presidents confirmed attendance in person.

Announcements: Brent Loveless, current PTACHC President, welcomed the group and thanked them for attending. Secretary asked that any changes in contact information or PTA officers be communicated to Sarah Rehling, at office@ptachc.org, as soon as possible.

Election of PTACHC Nominating Committee: Trina Thames, Vice President, Operations, reporting. Per the PTACHC current bylaws, 3 members shall be elected by general membership to serve on the PTACHC nominating committee. Jeffrey Johnson (Bonnie Branch MS), Antoinette Brown (Gorman Crossing ES), and Deeshanae Jenkins (Rockburn ES) were elected by unanimous voice vote. The committee will have access to the Nominating Committee email account, nominating@ptachc.org. Local PTA officers who wish to be considered for the slate should contact the committee. Nominations can also be made at the election itself.

Election in October: Per the current bylaws, the election of Board members has to be at least two (2) months after the nominating committee election, and any slate of candidates must be given to the general membership at least fifteen (15) days before the election. The Secretary moved that PTACHC request MD PTA allow the election to be earlier than this. Given the current circumstances, such a delay would mean a new Board would not be elected until November at the earliest. Motion seconded, discussed, and approved by voice vote by the attending membership.

Board of Education Candidate's Forum: The League of Women Voters of Howard County asked PTACHC if there was interest in jointly sponsoring a forum for BoE candidates. Attending membership voted in favor of working with LWVHC. The President will follow up and provide details.

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday 5 October 2020 at 7:30 pm. Whether the meeting is virtual or in-person TBD and will be announced at least three days in advance.

Minutes taken by Brett Sovereign, Secretary