

PTA Council Howard County

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 30, 2021

Homewood School Cafeteria

1st General Membership Meeting 2021-2022

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Board Members Present

President- Srinivasu Gorantla

VP of Operations- Terri Marcus

Secretary- Angela Shiplet

Treasurer- Nicole Alston

Legislative Chair- Brent Lovelace

Policy Chair- Meg Ricks

- I. Call to order- The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and quorum was established with approximately 47 people in attendance.
- II. HCPSS Report- Mr. LeMon reported that they are looking for representatives for the Mental Health Community Advisor Committee. The committee meets once a month.
- III. Treasurer's Report- Nicole presented the proposed 2021-2022 budget (see attached). A motion was made and seconded to *"approve and amend the budget to add a line item for \$1000 for a new computer."* The motion passed 43 in favor, 0 opposed, no abstentions.
- IV. Board of Education Report- Dr. Lu encouraged people to call HCPSS if there are any urgent concerns. She also requested that questions or concerns be mailed to board.
- V. Guest Speaker- Dr. Martirano, Superintendent Howard County Public Schools, addressed the groups. He discussed many topics related to the start of the school year including: enrollment numbers, bus driver and teacher shortages, challenges to food service, mitigation procedures including CO2 sensors, HEPA filters, masking, vaccination and quarantining procedures. Dr. Martirano took several questions from the audience.
- VI. Legislative Report- Brent gave an overview of current legislative issues. These issues include current legislation under review, the upcoming budget process, and the revision of the Master Plan.
- VII. Guest Speaker #2, Marla Posey-Moss, President Free State PTA- Marla Posey-Moss President of the Free State PTA, provided a report on the transition from Maryland PTA to Free State PTA, provided guidance for local PTAs, and answered questions. National is still working to get non-profit status through the IRS. Dues will be paid to National PTA in the meantime. PTAs will be incorporated under National PTA until Free State achieves 5013C status. 9-90s can be sent to Free State PTA. Local units can continue to operate as they have previously while Free State and National PTA work things out.
- VIII. New Business- Terri thanked schools that helped contribute to the Back-to-School Breakfast at Homewood. PTACHC is in need of a Reflections Chair. The chair does not have to be a delegate.
- IX. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.