

PTA COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 3, 2022

Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Board members present:

Srini Gorantla, President

Terri Marcus, VP Operations

Tonya Tiffany, VP Issues

Brent Loveless, Legislative Committee Chair

Jeff Johnson, Membership Committee Chair

Caroline Bodziak, After Prom Committee Chair

- I. **Call to order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Quorum was established.
- II. **Guest Speakers**
 - A. Caroline Walker provided a presentation about [Kirwan \(Blueprint for Maryland's Future in HCPSS\)](#) and took questions from the audience.
 - B. Ying Matties, President of the Community Allies of Rainbow Youth (CARY) spoke about the organization.
- III. **Legislative report** - Brent presented the [Legislative Report](#). Brent motioned that PTACHC advocates to "Amend CB-9-2022 recommendations to further clarify that 'Secured Reassignment or Capacity Solution' does not include reprioritization and reservation of permanent school capacity when there is a projected enrollment deficit that has not been resolved prior at each grade level." Tonya Tiffany seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed (39 for, 1 against, 0 abstentions).
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** – In the interest of time, Nicole Alston directed PTACHC delegates to the website for the report. Nicole discussed her resignation from the Treasurer's position and requested someone to take her place. The Board thanked Nicole for her service.
- V. **Approval of minutes** - *The minutes of December 6th General meeting were approved with a minor spelling change.*
- VI. **Superintendent's Report** - James LeMon reported that there will be a hiring fair on January 24th. More information about the upcoming changes to quarantining procedures will be coming out via email in the next few days.
- VII. **HCEA Report** – Colleen Morris reported that negotiations were finished prior to winter break but are continuing to lose staff with people asking for help, resigning, or going on leave. She took questions from the audience.
 - A. **Old Business** – Lisa Kraus, President of River Hill PTA discussed the recent problems with viral TikTok challenges and *motioned that PTACHC advocates that National and Free State PTA:*
 1. *Release a public statement condemning these acts and viral videos and call upon TikTok and other social media sites change their algorithms to immediately ban these videos.*
 2. *Write a letter to TikTok, YouTube, Facebook, and others to change their algorithms to immediately ban these videos.*
 3. *Spearhead a campaign to create safe schools for our kids and to protect our kids from these types of negative social media influences.*

The motion was seconded, and after discussion, it passed (32 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions).

- VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Minutes Prepared by: Angela Shiplet
Angela Shiplet, Secretary

Approved on: February 7, 2022