

PTA COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2022

Homewood Cafeteria

Board Members present:

Srini Gorantla, President

Terri Marcus, VP Operations

Tonya Tiffany, VP Issues

Brent Loveless, Legislative Committee Chair

Meg Ricks, Policy Chair

- I. **Call to order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Quorum was established.
- II. **Announcements** - Nicole Alston has stepped down as Treasurer. Laurie Ramey has offered to temporarily to step in.
- III. **Approval of the minutes** - *Tonya Tiffany made motion to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2022 General Meeting, Laurie Ramey seconded the motion with amendment that they would be approved with a minor correction ("Superintendent's Room" to "Superintendent's Report.>"). The motion passed.*
- IV. **Bylaws template** - Terri Marcus presented the proposed bylaws which will be voted on at the June 6th General Meeting.
- V. **SECAC/CAC/HCEA** - No representatives were available from the SECAC, CAC, or HCEA.
- VI. **Board of Education report** - Dr. Lu presented the Board of Education report. The board will meet twice in May. They will address: school start times, the School Resource Office Memorandum of Understanding, and the budget.
- VII. **Superintendent's Report** - Mr. LeMon discussed the increase in funding to school based mental health services. He was asked if HCPSS has a policy about Board of Education Candidates speaking at PTA meetings. He did not think there was such a policy but said he would investigate further. PTACHC Delegates told Mr. LeMon how impressed they were with the Battle of the Books celebration held at Meriweather Post Pavilion the prior Friday.
- VIII. **Caroline Walker** - Caroline Walker presented an [overview of school-based mental health services](#) and took questions from the audience. She spoke of the importance of continuing to advocate for these services to remain in the budget.
- IX. **Legislative report** - Brent Loveless presented the [Legislative Report](#).
- X. **Old Business** - *Laurie Ramey motioned that we vote on whether to hold the next meeting virtual in person. Tonya Tiffany seconded the motion. A vote was called following discussion (6- virtual meeting; 22 in-person). The next PTACHC general meeting will be held in person on June 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.*
- XI. **Adjournment** - the meeting was adjourned.